

Kinnock goes on the attack over councils

Mr Neil Kinnock is to effectively launch Labour's general election campaign in February by extolling Labour's record in local government...

Conservative MPs interpreted the news as evidence that their party's relentless onslaught on Labour's "loony left" councils had hit home...

Whatever the reason, Labour's party strategists have decided to significantly upgrade the party's three-day local government conference in Leeds from February 6 to focus attention on what they believe is the excellent record of most Labour authorities compared to their Tory counterparts...

Mr Kinnock will deliver the keynote speech and be supported by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, Dr John Cunningham, the environment spokesman, and Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield City Council.

Party sources said that this would be the first of a series of normally routine events that are to be transformed into major set-piece occasions during what is almost certain to be election year.

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Iraq says Basra offensive defeated

By Robert Fisk Middle East Correspondent

The hijacking and destruction of the Iraqi Airways airliner over Saudi Arabia on Thursday and the latest Iranian offensive in the Gulf War have coincided with a crucial meeting of Iraqi opposition groups in Tehran aimed at encouraging Iraqis to overthrow their own President, Mr Saddam Hussein.

Iran has formally denied any part in the hijacking in which 62 passengers were killed, but the bloody incident together with Tehran claims of a successful offensive around the city of Basra, appear specifically designed to stiffen the backbone of those inside Iraq who may be able to topple their leader without any outside help from Iran.

Members of the Iraqi opposition Dawaa Party, which has links with the extreme Islamic Jihad movement in Beirut, as well as organizations like the New Umma Party which has an office in London, met in Tehran on Thursday to discuss future tactics.

At least three anonymous telephone callers, saying that they represented pro-Iranian groups, later claimed responsibility in Lebanon for the hijacking. One caller said that he spoke on behalf of Islamic Jihad, and told a Western news agency in the Lebanese capital that his organization staged the hijack "in co-operation with the Dawaa Party."

Surviving passengers on the Iraqi Airways flight said that at least two - possibly four - gunmen tried to take over the aircraft shortly after take-off. The passengers died in an exchange of fire between the hijackers and Iraqi security guards in mid-air and in the subsequent explosion when the crew of the aircraft were trying to land at an airfield in Saudi Arabia.

Iraq's sudden attack around Basra had been expected by the Israelis who have been receiving regular satellite photographs from the Americans of Iran's military preparations on the southern sector of the Gulf front.

As is now their habit, the Iranians staged a series of limited sorties across the lines in the hope that individual units might break through and could then be supported by reinforcements in a large-scale offensive. In the event, it seems that no such victories were forthcoming.

For the second time this year, however, the Iranians did manage to cross the treacherously fast-flowing waters of the Shatt al-Arab and land on the waterlogged date palm plantations of Umm al-Rasas island, which is held by the Iraqis.

But by yesterday morning, Baghdad Radio left confident enough to proclaim an Iraqi "final victory" against the Iranian attack and to report that "our forces are continuing to destroy enemy remnants on the island of Umm al-Rasas - when the enemy gained a foothold on December 24."

The Iranians had earlier claimed to have killed 3,000 Iraqi troops and captured another 4,500 in their attack. Iraqi television later showed a film of piles of Iranian corpses.

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Deadly pair: Ian Botham and Gladstone Small, who took five wickets each yesterday.

Five wicket triumph for Botham

By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent

Ian Botham, still nursing a rib muscle injury, returned to international cricket yesterday to take five for 41 and three slip catches as Australia were dismissed for 141 in the opening day of the Fourth Test at Melbourne. Gladstone Small grabbed the other five wickets.

England, one up the series, were 95 for one at the close. It was the twenty-seventh time that Botham, who was yesterday running in off a

dozen paces and bowling at about 65 per cent of his normal pace, has claimed five wickets in his international career, equalling the record of Richard Hadlee of New Zealand.

Botham said: "I do not think a slow pace did any harm in the overcast conditions. It may have helped to swing the ball about a bit more."

"We bowled very well, made them play at everything and held our catches. It is an old cliché, but catches win matches."

Much of the credit for Botham's performance must go to Laurie Brown, the England physiotherapist, who has been treating Botham's

rib injury. Botham was detained on June 20, eight days after the state of emergency was declared. He was a former member of the Council of South African Students, which has been banned, and of the Township Students' Congress at Kwathema, near Springs, 35 miles east of Johannesburg where he lived.

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SA clash over death of student

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

A dispute was developing last night over the death of a 20-year-old black South African student activist, who had been detained without trial for six months under state of emergency regulations.

Police said that Simoo Matanzima Marule died after being treated for a fit at the Boksburg-Becooni Hospital, east of Johannesburg, and that a post mortem examination would be held.

He came ill on Monday at Modderbeek prison near Benoni and was taken to hospital immediately, the spokesman said. He added: "His illness was initially diagnosed by a hospital doctor as epilepsy. He died the following morning."

But members of Mr Marule's family claimed yesterday he had no history of epileptic attacks or fits. His brother, Bethuel, said: "I visited him about a month ago in prison and he looked healthy enough to me. He had never suffered from fits before."

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Iceland storms claim 15 as ships go down

By Robin Young

At least 15 seamen died, and a carrying a cargo. She had been due to collect a cargo of fish liver oil from Iceland on Boxing Day.

A spokesman for the ship's managing agents, Mr Gordon Haggerstone, said: "As far as we know the weather was not exceptionally bad. We are all very shocked and sick at the news."

Mr John Taylor, a spokesman for the Gibraltar-based owners of the vessel, said that the company would not be issuing a list of the crew.

The six officers were British, and the six deckhands from the Cape Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa.

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Monday Over the limit



When alcohol kills 10 times more youngsters than heroin, why no public campaign to curb teenage drinking?

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Portfolio Gold

There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition - the weekly £8,000 plus the daily £4,000.

The £4,000 prize yesterday was won by Mr Ian Hall, of Farnham, Surrey. Details, page 3.

United win

Manchester United beat Liverpool 1-0 at Anfield with a goal by Whiteside. Arsenal, the first division leaders, drew 1-1 at Leicester. Pages 40, 42.

Sterling boost

Sterling gained 95 points to \$1.4580 against the dollar and 2.1 pence to DM2.8700, on prospects of an \$18-a-barrel oil price. Page 25.

MP's death causes critical by-election

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A critical by-election that is fraught with danger for Labour and which could determine the date of the general election is in prospect, following the sudden death of Mr Guy Barnett, Labour MP for Greenwich.

Mr Barnett held the seat with a majority reduced to just 1,211 in 1983. The Conservatives came second, with the SDP Alliance less than 4,000 votes behind. All three parties can therefore realistically hope to win the by-election, which will probably be held in late February or early March.

The result will be a unique pointer to the national mood. A good Conservative performance, allied to a respectable showing in the Truro by-election caused by the death in a road accident of Mr David Penhaligon, would sharply increase the pressure on Mrs Thatcher to go to the country in May or June, rather than October.

For the Alliance, which is effectively being relaunched next month, another spectacular by-election victory is badly needed to remobilize the

bandwagon and to bury the memories of last autumn's defence debacle, which sent their opinion poll ratings plummeting.

But for Labour, failure to hold what used to be a solid Labour seat would be a body blow to a party which is seriously aspiring to form the next government, despite falling ratings.

Though it was played down by party sources yesterday, the immediate danger for Labour is that the constituency party will pick a left-wing candidate, who would be relentlessly attacked by the opposition parties.

There is a small Militant presence within the local Labour Party, but even as a whole it was well to the left of the relatively moderate Mr Barnett, with whom it was sometimes at odds.

Another telling factor is likely to be the record of the Labour-controlled Greenwich council, which is left-wing, high-spending, and rate-capped, but not in the same "loony-left" mould as Harringey or Brent. Labour increased

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Reagan's crisis team chief

Washington (Reuters) - President Reagan yesterday named a former US Ambassador to Nato, Mr David Abshire, as a Cabinet-level special adviser to co-ordinate White House efforts to resolve the Iran arms scandal.

Mr Abshire will head a team to supervise White House actions in the controversy over the secret sale of arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

"He will co-ordinate White House responses to congressional and other requests for information in a timely manner, working with senior members of the White House staff, assisted by representatives from key White House staff offices," a statement said.

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In addition, Congress is set to resume an investigation into the affair early next month by select House and Senate investigative committees.

Mr Abshire will assume his duties on January 5. Brunei gift to Contras, page 8.

El Gordo's glad tidings bring little joy

From Harry Debelius Madrid

For most people it would have been a dream come true but for a Palencia bar manager, Señor Jacinto Sánchez Zambrano, aged 34, winning 250 million pesetas (nearly £1,300,000) on Spain's Christmas "El Gordo" lottery was a nightmare.

Señor Zambrano had sold shares of his ticket to customers at the bar he managed in a poor neighbourhood of the northern city. Each of those shares was priced and marketed as if it represented one fifth of his ticket. The trouble was that he allegedly sold nearly five times as much lottery as he actually had.

Employees of the bank where he had deposited his lottery ticket quickly discovered that there were more claimants than prize money, and they advised police.

On Christmas Eve, after two days of hiding, when there was talk in the poor El Cristo neighbourhood of Palencia of a lynching, Señor Zambrano turned himself in to police and was held on suspicion of fraud.

If the bar manager had been lucky enough not to win, he would allegedly have almost quintupled his original 25,000 peseta (£130) investment.

Most of the holders of the shares in question met in Palencia yesterday with a lawyer to decide what legal action they might take.

The joy and celebrations of last Monday, the day of the drawing, turned into not only anger and bitterness but, for some winners, it turned to serious concern.

Many had gone out immediately and bought things they wanted. Some drove off with new cars or signed orders for other costly items which now they may not be able to pay for.



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NEWS SUMMARY

Divide in cost of housing widens

The North-South divide in property prices widened sharply in 1986, according to Britain's biggest building society. While house prices in the north of England increased by less than 10 per cent this year, they rose by more than 20 per cent in Greater London and the South-East.

The overall annual rate of increase across the United Kingdom was 13.6 per cent, the Halifax Building Society says. The society predicts that an increase in the supply of new homes will combine with static mortgage rates to reduce house price inflation during 1987.

It could fall to 15 per cent in London and the South-East, and is likely to remain in single figures in less prosperous areas, the society says.

Knife deaths search

Detectives were yesterday hunting for a man after his wife and her mother were found stabbed to death at their home. There were two children in the house.

Police found the body of Mrs Joan Ord, aged 39, and her mother, Mrs Dorothy Abnett, aged 72, who was seriously injured, at Rope Walk, Sandhurst, Kent, on Christmas Eve. Mrs Abnett was taken to the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, where she died.

Police want to interview Mr Derek Ord, aged 38, who has lived in Ashford, Surrey, since separating from his wife. He is 5ft 8in, has brown hair and was last seen wearing leather trousers and a leather jacket.

He is believed to be driving a red Ford pick-up truck.

Hunt for Homeless lost girl

A teenage girl missing since early on Christmas Day may have been abducted. Samantha Eteridge, aged 17, was last seen in a taxi at a quarter past midnight when three minutes away from her home in Churchgate Road, Chesham, Hertfordshire.

Samantha had been out with friends. She later met two girl friends and another male friend at the Ploagh public house. The four set off home, with the last in the taxi. Det Insp William Pritchard, of Enfield CID, said the taxi had not been traced.

More homeless young people sought charity accommodation in Northern Ireland this Christmas.

Eight young people were turned away from the Simon Community's youth hostel in North Belfast on Christmas Eve after all 21 beds had been claimed.

"Last Christmas we had only four or five young people in the old hostel which had 16 beds. This Christmas we had 12 youngsters among the 21 we were able to accept," the director, Mr Jim Doran, said.

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Sid sends a surprise

A Gloucestershire boy aged 13 received an unexpected Christmas present from British Gas: a £600 cheque and 800 shares for which he had not applied.

Mr and Mrs Michael Young, of South Cerney, near Cirencester, wrote for a prospectus for their son Martin (right), but decided not to buy any shares.

When the British Gas envelope arrived they thought a relative had sent him a surprise before realizing it was a mistake. British Gas said that a computer had bungled.



Miners' damages

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers has negotiated £3.2 million damages for its members during the year. Individual awards range from £50 to £86,000 for serious disablement. One member, Mr John Beet, aged 30, of Cotgrave Colliery, Nottingham, was prepared to accept £2,325 for back injuries sustained underground but the union's lawyers finally negotiated a £40,000 settlement.

Pressure on Pardoe to stand in Truro by-election Alliance disarray over MP's death

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

An Alliance plan to announce a team of joint election spokesmen on New Year's Day has been thrown into disarray by the death last Monday in a road accident of Mr David Penhaligon, one of the very few top Liberals with expertise in economics.

It also emerged yesterday that the three Liberal MPs who rebelled against the party leadership on defence at last September's party assembly

are almost certain to be excluded from the team.

Mr Simon Hughes, his party's environment spokesman, and Mr Archie Kirkwood, the health and social services spokesman, could both have been expected to be included, while Mr Michael Meadowcroft, the race relations spokesman, also had a claim.

But after the defence debacle the party leadership is unsure how far they can be trusted.

The Liberals' most pressing

problem, however, is how to replace Mr Penhaligon, their economic affairs spokesman, who had been pencilled in as both employment spokesman and the Liberal representative on the joint economics team which will be headed by Mr Roy Jenkins, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Not to be represented on the economics team would be unthinkable, but the only other Liberal MPs with economic experience are Mr Richard Wainwright, who will not be standing at the next

general election, and Mr Alan Beith, the deputy leader who has been pencilled in as the Alliance foreign affairs spokesman.

There was speculation last night that this hiatus gap in the Alliance line-up could put further pressure on Mr John Pardoe, a Liberal economic affairs spokesman before he lost his seat in 1979, to stand in the Truro by-election.

Mr Pardoe, who runs a London-based new technology training agency, has discounted such a move. He is

also masterminding the Liberals' general election campaign and he would not be able to do both jobs.

Party sources confirmed yesterday that should Mr Penhaligon's widow, Annette, decide to fight her husband's seat, the nomination would be hers for the asking.

The putative team of Alliance election spokesmen is known to include Mrs Shirley Williams, SDP president, and Mr Bill Rodgers, despite the fact that neither are MPs.

It is also likely to include a Liberal and an SDP peer.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth would be the SDP representative beneath Mr Jenkins on the economics team, as well as trade and industry spokesman.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, Liberal trade and industry spokesman, would be in the team, but in another capacity.

Originally the Liberals were to have held seven of the 12 spokesmanships, excluding the two party leaders, but it is understood that the projected team has since been expanded.

Scientists discover missing planet

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Astronomers have found a planet that was declared lost 50 years ago.

The object, named Mally, orbits the Sun once every 4 years and 84 days in a path between Mars and Jupiter, and was rediscovered by detective work and the use of computers.

Dr Richard West, of the European Southern Observatory, and Dr Lutz Schmadel, of the Astronomisches Recheninstitut, in West Germany, used the latest methods to search original photographs of the object, which was first recorded by Karl Reinmuth, a young astronomer in Heidelberg, in 1931.

One hundred pictures of the planet have been recovered using one of the modern telescopes at the southern observatory on La Silla, a 2,400metre-high mountain in Chile.

The planet's image first appeared faintly on a photographic plate of a camera attached to 72cm (28in) telescope, during observations of the constellation Virgo.

Reinmuth's measurement of its position was accepted and listed in the catalogue of the International Astronomical Union. It was described as minor planet and given the number 1179 and a name proposed by the astronomer. It is not known why he chose to call it Mally.

Other reports were made for five years after the first sighting, so an attempt was mounted to locate the body. It was unsuccessful, and in an exceptional measure the International Astronomical Union declared officially that planet Mally was lost.

The computer analyses produced a more accurate measurement of the planet's orbit, and hence gave astronomers a better idea of the part of the sky in which to focus the telescopes.

The latest information shows that Mally is seven kilometres in diameter.



A huntsman and excited hounds of the New Forest Hunt gathering before heading into the woods for a Boxing Day hunt (Photographic Stuart Nicol).

Saboteurs 'disrupt 100 hunt meets'

By a Staff Reporter

Hunt saboteurs claimed to have disrupted 100 Boxing Day meets across the country yesterday in their most widespread campaign to date.

But there were no reports of violent or angry clashes, and the saboteurs were said to have had little impact on the 193 hunts riding to foxhounds.

The principal target was a meeting of the Surrey Union Foxhounds in Guildford, where between 70 and 100 banner-waving demonstrators led a noisy protest.

Members of the Hunt Saboteurs Association claimed they also carried neighbouring woodland by blowing horns and whistles, and set false trails for the hounds.

A spokesman for the saboteurs said the protest passed off peacefully and was largely good-humoured.

At Grantham, members of the Bealvoir Hunt were met by the town's mayor, Mr Paul Johnson, wielding a placard instead of the traditional stirrup cup. It read: "Killing is not a pretty sight".

Mr Johnson said he was against blood sports and foxhunting appealed him.

Protesters claimed they also disrupted hunts in Sussex, Hampshire, the West Country and the Midlands. The Quorn Hunt at Loughborough, Leicestershire, faced a noisy but peaceful demonstration.

A spokesman for the Hunt Saboteurs Association said last night: "There were more hunts sabotaged than ever before."

But he said he had received no reports of angry clashes between saboteurs and huntmen.

There were 193 hunts with about 19,000 people riding to foxhounds yesterday, according to a spokesman for the Masters of Foxhounds Association.

He said another one million people attended meets as spectators or followers, and that the saboteurs' actions had little impact.

In Northern Ireland about 60 anti-field sport campaigners beat drums, blew whistles, sounded car horns and played music loudly over a public address system to distract greyhounds at the annual Boxing Day live hare coursing meeting at Crevilly, Co Antrim, yesterday.

The anti-coursing protests have become a ritual over recent years at the two-day meeting, beginning on Boxing Day, which is the high spot of the coursing calendar in the province.

Police were on hand to keep the protesters and the coursing enthusiasts apart.

In one of its few displays of abolition the recently abolished Northern Ireland Assembly twice voted for the abolition of hare coursing but the Northern Ireland Office minister responsible for the environment ignored the vote.

Switch to low-tar grades Steady decline in smoking

By Kenneth Gosling

The rate of cigarette smoking has declined steadily during the period covered by the General Household Survey (1972-1984), and the proportion of people aged 16 and over who smoke cigarettes continues to fall.

In 1972, 52 per cent of men and 41 per cent of women were cigarette smokers but by 1984 these proportions were down to 36 per cent of men and 32 per cent of women - a more rapid decline for men than for women.

The average weekly consumption by smokers began to decline in the mid-70s.

Between 1976 and 1984 the number for adult males fell from 129 a week to 115. For adult females the figures dropped from 101 to 96.

In 1984, for the first time, smokers were asked about the brands they smoked so that tar levels could be identified.

Over three fifths of adult smokers used brands classified as in the low or low to middle tar category.

Fewer than half of one per cent smoked brands in the middle to high group.

Women were more than twice as likely as men to smoke low tar brands.

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In 1982, for the first time, smokers were a minority in every social group and this was again the case two years later.

Prevalence among both men and women continued to be much higher in manual than non-manual groups, and in 1984 there appeared the first decline among women in the unskilled manual group since the survey began.

Among professional women there was a reduction in prevalence from 21 per cent in 1972 to 15 per cent in 1982 and 1984.

Unlike male smokers, females in every socio-economic group smoked more cigarettes a week in 1984 than they did in 1972.

Obtaining information about the population's drinking is "notoriously difficult", the survey says.

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By 1984, 43 per cent of women were "frequent light" and 20 per cent "occasional" drinkers.

However, a recent survey in Scotland found that between 1976 and 1984 alcohol consumption had increased among women of all ages.

The only consistent change since 1978 in the pattern of drinking among men has been a reduction in the proportion of heavier drinkers - down from 25 per cent in that year to 21 per cent in 1982 and 20 per cent in 1984.

The Scottish figures showed virtually no change in men's drinking habits.

Drinking habits vary with marital status, the survey says. In all except the youngest age group, non-married men were more likely than married to be moderate or heavy drinkers.

Married women in the 45-64 age group were more likely than non-married to fall into the three heaviest drinking categories.

And being married had little effect on men classified as moderate or heavy drinkers.

Search for killer of teacher

Police at Bradford, west Yorkshire, were yesterday hunting the killer of a father of two whose body was found on Christmas Day.

Mr Donald Swaine, aged 48, a teacher, of Hazelwell Road, Bradford, had spent Christmas Eve celebrating with fellow committee members of the local branch of the Youth Hostel Association.

As he walked home alone between midnight and 2am he was clubbed to death and his body was hidden under a discarded mattress in a yard in Highfield Place, Manningham, Bradford.

Yesterday, detectives were making house-to-house inquiries along the two-mile route from the Five Lane Ends district to where the body was found.

Det Supt Kenneth Baines, who is leading the hunt, said: "It was a brutal attack and his injuries are the worst I have ever seen in my 28 years of police service.

"Anyone who has seen a relative come home with bloodstained clothing needs to know how brutal this attack has been."

Det Supt Baines said Mr Swaine, who was a teacher at the Drummond Language Centre, in Bradford, had spent the evening at the Lane Ends and Idlers public houses.

He was last seen shortly after midnight walking from Five Lane Ends along Swain House Road.

Det Supt Baines said robbery was a possible motive.

The police want to trace anyone who saw Mr Swaine walking alone or accompanied between Five Lane Ends and Highfield Place.

Mr Swaine and his wife, Brenda, aged 51, have two children, Martin, aged 15, and Helen aged 13.

Mrs Swaine had taken her husband in the family car to meet his friends and had offered to collect him, but he had chosen to walk home.

Iceland storms claim 15

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was carrying from Reydarfjordur to Murmansk.

The cargo was part of a consignment of salted herring which the Soviet Union agreed to purchase from Iceland last month, averting a dispute which had threatened trade relations between the two countries.

Eight of the 11-man Icelandic crew managed to scramble on to a lifeboat, but only five were still alive when they were rescued by a Lynx helicopter from the Danish coastguard frigate, Vaedderen, after having been located by an RAF Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft flying from Lossiemouth.

The Nimrod had dropped survival equipment and kept the lifeboat under observation until the frigate and helicopter arrived from the Faroe Islands, 300 miles to the south.

The three crew members who did not reach the life raft were feared dead, although vessels and aircraft from Britain, Denmark, and the United States Navy base at Keflavik in Iceland continued to patrol the area.

The survivors were treated for shock and exhaustion aboard the frigate.

In the third Christmas sea disaster, a Cypriot tanker, the 1,600-ton Stainless Trader, foundered in heavy seas 20 miles south of Sardinia.

The bodies of two of the 18 crew members - 16 South Koreans and two Greeks - were recovered by a ferry boat which was one of several ships braving the storm to searching the rough seas for survivors.

The 280 passengers and the crew of the fire-damaged car ferry St Killian II reached Iceland just after lunchtime on Christmas Day, almost 36 hours after starting their journey from Le Havre.

The ferry had to be towed into Plymouth after fire broke out in its engine room and from there those aboard were taken in a fleet of coaches to Heathrow where a charter Aer Lingus jumbo was waiting to fly them home.

Dublin airport was specially opened, for the first time on a Christmas Day, to receive them.

The passengers' cars were being transported from Plymouth aboard another vessel and were available for collection at Rosslare yesterday.



The British-owned Syneta which ran aground off the east coast of Iceland at midnight on Christmas Day

Union fund for Third World

Britain's second biggest union is to take advantage of recent government measures to raise funds for Third World development.

The General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union is to urge members to have charitable donations deducted from their pay to go into a special fund.

Under measures announced just before Christmas, such donations will get tax relief from April, so that every £100 donated will be worth an extra £30 to charity.

Mr John Edmonds, the union's general secretary, said yesterday: "We will be looking at funding development projects which relate to the interests of our own members - such as irrigation and power projects, and the development of health services - as well as direct famine relief."

"After the success of Band Aid in providing funds and raising public awareness of the Third World, our own 'Union Aid' should help with long-term development.

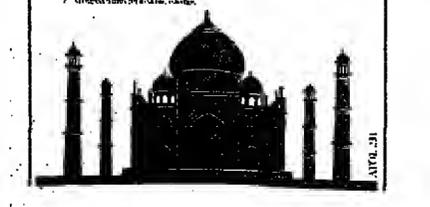
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'Safety hazard' caused by tons of duty-free goods loaded on planes

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Tons of duty-free goods carried by passengers or stored on board aircraft for sale in-flight are a safety hazard and help increase the cost of airline tickets, says the leading airline consumer group.

The International Federation of Airline Passengers' Associations (IFAPA) wants duty-free goods to be packed on landing rather than carried backwards and forwards between countries.

It is pressing for a change in regulations to make it possible for air passengers to pick up their duty-free goods after they have left their aircraft - perhaps having already ordered and paid for the goods on board.

But it admits that the idea will meet resistance from both airlines and airports, which rely heavily on duty-free sales to boost profits.

IFAPA claims that on the North Atlantic routes alone, 72,000 tons of alcohol are flown backwards and forwards each year, representing a fuel wastage of 6.5 million gallons, which has to be passed on to the passengers.

Bags containing duty-free can also block the aisles and cause an additional fire hazard.

Pilots, consumer organizations and Customs are in favour of "point of entry" duty-free sales. But the airlines and the airports strongly oppose the suggestion.

They argue that not only do they make vital extra cash from duty-free sales, but there would have to be a complete change in airport lay-outs to accommodate duty-free purchase on arrival which this would bring to passengers.

Mr Geoffrey Lipman, IFAPA's executive director, said: "These are understandable points of view perhaps. But IFAPA maintains that from a passenger safety point of view the arguments still far outweigh commercial considerations."

"Duty-free purchase on arrival is the only sensible long term solution. Until such time as this system can be introduced worldwide, airlines

could provide secure areas on board aircraft for storage of duty-free. This would reduce the fire hazard and avoid the risk of flying bottles in the event of turbulence."

Some of the survivors of the Manchester air crash last September claimed that their exit was blocked by bags of duty-free goods in the aisles

Air Canada to launch cheap charter deals

Air Canada is to make a serious attempt to grab a bigger share of the booming holiday traffic between Britain and Toronto, by launching its own charter flights from Gatwick and Prestwick at prices well below those now offered by British Airways.

Highly restrictive agreements between Britain and Canada over the price of tickets have meant that Air Canada has seen its share of the market fall to around 20 per cent during the summer - peak time for families visiting friends and relations.

The bulk of the passengers now fly with a large number of charter airlines, who operate only in the summer and offer flights at well below the normal schedule price level.

Air Canada has decided to hit back by selling charter flights through travel companies such as Jetset.

Charters are completely free of restrictions on price and the move is bound to trigger retaliatory moves both by British Airways and other airlines which fly to Toronto.

The charters will run between April 30 and October 24 and will be at least 15 per cent down on scheduled fares. An off-peak round trip fare will be £266, rising to a summer peak of £388.

and under seats. But this was not pinpointed as a problem during the inquiry.

However, safety authorities are increasingly concerned at the amount of hand baggage, including duty-frees, which is taken on board. Efforts are

being made to standardize the number of bags which can be taken on board.

Passenger confidence in air travel is beginning to return after a year marred by falling oil prices and fears of terrorism, according to British Caledonian.

The airline, faced with the prospect of declaring a loss for 1986, says that 1987 already promises to be a money-spinner, with more people booking seats in advance than ever before.

"There is clear evidence that, for BCal at least, the tide of trading performance is beginning to turn," Mr David Colman, its managing director, said yesterday.

"It is a little early to be conclusive but the signs so far this financial year have been good."

"For the first time our forward bookings, at well over 200,000, are greater than the number of passengers we expect to carry over the next month. We are confident that 1987 will herald a new era of business prosperity."

The upturn could not have come at better time for the airline - its route network is firmly locked into serving the world's oil capitals and has suffered more than most from the economic decline of 1986.

Although the group as a whole is likely to break even, the airline will almost certainly declare a trading loss.

One of the main reasons was the reduction in passenger-load factor - the number of people carried on each of its scheduled flights. That declined during the year from an average of 62.1 per cent in 1984-85 to 59.6 per cent in 1986, resulting in a sharp drop in yield per flight.

Nevertheless, the airline carried a total of 2,371,745 passengers on all its routes during the year, an increase of 3.4 per cent, and freight traffic rose by 16.7 per cent.

The decision to reduce the number of staff on the payroll led to a 12 per cent increase in productivity during the year, giving the BCal the highest productivity level among all European scheduled airlines.



Susan Lacey and Bombay, the Royal Bengal tiger she trains (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

The only woman tiger trainer in Europe is one of the stars of a Christmas circus which opened yesterday at the Battersea Park Big Top Hippodrome in south London.

Mrs Susan Lacey's co-star is Bombay, aged 13 months, a Royal Bengal tiger which eats 10 sheep heads, equivalent to 15 pounds of meat, each day.

Bengal entrancer

The Gerry Cottle and Brian Austin combined Christmas circus is being staged in a 12-pole tent which has previously housed the Boksboi Ballet. It seats 2,000 people around the central ring, and also allows the circus to have its zoo and

all its caravans under cover. The show includes a herd of elephants from the Austin Circus and Lacey's lions, the three largest performing lions in Europe. The latter act features Mrs Lacey's husband, Martin, who, in time-

honoured tradition, puts his head inside a lion's mouth.

David Konyot's musical clown troupe, the Flying Cherokeses, and a team of footballing dogs are also included in the show, which will continue until January 10.

The Christmas circus will end with a wild west finale.

Six police injured in clashes

Police blamed "mindless jobs" yesterday for violent incidents in the Thames Valley area over Christmas. Five policemen were injured.

"It seems people can't enjoy Christmas without ruining other people's festivities," a police spokesman said.

The most serious incident began when fighting broke out between two women drinking in the Bull and Crown public house at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, on Christmas Eve. When the landlord intervened a brawl developed.

Twenty-five police officers were called to the scene and one of them, Detective Constable John Robinson, aged 46, was taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital with two broken ribs, a cracked vertebrae and bruising to his windpipe. He was detained for treatment but allowed home yesterday on sick leave.

The fighting spilled into Aylesbury town centre and 10 people were arrested before calm was restored.

More than 30 people were involved in a street fight in the centre of Slough in the early hours of Christmas Day.

Police Constable Mark King, aged 24, was taken to hospital with arm and head injuries after trying to break up the brawl. Mr Graham Hanson, a special constable, was hit on his arm and another officer was head-butted. Six people were arrested.

Fighting spilled on to the street outside Selfridge's in Oxford on Christmas Eve. Two policemen on plain clothes duty were attacked when they arrested a man suspected of shoplifting.

PC Nicholas Hackett, aged 27, was taken to hospital with a broken bone near his right eye and Det Constable Robert Krykant, aged 28, needed hospital treatment for head injuries. Three men were arrested.

Success in drink-drive fight

Police officers in Nottinghamshire, where Britain's most stringent drink-drive campaign is being mounted, yesterday claimed to be winning the battle to persuade motorists to stay sober.

After a week of the force's Christmas campaign, 3,337 drivers have been stopped and tested, but only 93, or 2.8 per cent, were found to be over the legal limit.

"The public seem to be getting the message," a police spokesman said yesterday. "The number of accidents is down and the number of positive tests also down. We are very pleased with the way it is going."

Derbyshire Police have

breath-tested 409 motorists over the last week and 35 drivers were found to be over the limit.

"The figures are certainly no worse than last year, when over the same period we tested 325 drivers, with 31 positive," a police spokesman said yesterday.

In Cumbria, 30 drivers were found to be over the limit in drink-drive tests carried out during the five days up to Christmas Eve. That is an increase of three over the same period last year.

Mr Mike Ross, aged 39, a former disc jockey, will spend New Year's Day in Norwich jail, having been arrested twice in four days for alleged

drink-driving offences. Appearing under his real name of Colin Noville, the former presenter with Radio North Sea International, a "pirate" station, was remanded in custody until January 2 by magistrates at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Mr Noville, of Nelson Road South, Great Yarmouth, was arrested 50 minutes into Christmas Day when his car mounted a pavement in the town centre.

The court was told that he was already on bail from the same court in connection with an alleged offence on December 21 and from a court in Lowestoft on a similar charge dating from December 3.

Top award for City restaurant

By Robin Young

The Times Restaurant of the Year is Le Poulbot, the Roux brothers' dining room for directors and business executives in the City of London.

Announcing the awards, The Times restaurant critic, Jonathan Meades, said that in the past couple of years the English chef, Mr Rowley Leigh, had transformed a competent restaurant into an exciting one.

Mr Leigh worked first at Le Gavroche in Mayfair and then buying meat and vegetables for the Roux restaurants before graduating to a kitchen of his own.

Differing from The Good Good Guide, which describes Mr Leigh as a faithful disciple of the Roux brothers' style, Mr Meades says that his cooking is "not recognizably of the Roux school. His style is unfussy, direct, muscular."

An award as Newcomer of the Year goes to Mr Nicolas Blacklock, of La Bastide in Soho, an English chef who specializes in French provincial dishes.

If Mr Leigh, a Cambridge graduate, came to cooking comparatively late, starting with the Roux brothers when he was aged 28, Mr Blacklock, an Oxford man, was even later. Until a few years ago, when he was turned 40, he was a computer company executive.

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British debut for virtuoso aged 14

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent

A Canadian musician aged 14, who has been described as the greatest young violinist since Mikhail Goldstein, is to make his European concert debut in Bristol.

Corey Cerovsek (right), who also displays a precocious talent for mathematics and languages, will perform as soloist in Mozart's A major Concerto at the Colston Hall on January 22, before appearing at the Festival Hall in London the next evening.

Rudolf Barshai, who will conduct theournemouth Symphony Orchestra for both concerts, is one of Cerovsek's greatest admirers.

"His imagination is like an adult's, his style is that of an experienced artist. I remember hearing Goldstein in Russia in the 1930s play the Mendelssohn Concerto at the age of 12. I have not heard anyone like him, until now."

Goldstein, who played a public concert in Odessa when he was aged five, left the Soviet Union in 1964, and settled in Hamburg.

Cerovsek, who is of Austrian parentage, has performed with more than a dozen orchestras in Canada and the United States, and played for the Queen during her Canadian tour in 1984.

He was given a miniature violin on his fifth birthday, shortly after he had taught



himself to read. At the age of nine, he successfully challenged 3,000 youngsters to win his country's overall National Music Competition in violin, piano and ensemble. He is studying at the Indiana School of Music, and plays a seven-eighths-size Storioni violin, dated 1789.

Cerovsek, who speaks Italian and German, and is learning Russian, says he dislikes being regarded as a genius or a prodigy. "They make me sound like a different species. I play the violin because I love it."

Queen's Christmas broadcast

Royal delight at new-look message

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

The Queen was yesterday said to be delighted with the new look given to her annual Christmas message by a team of BBC film makers led by Sir David Attenborough.

The message, transmitted around the world by satellite, was a break from the normally formal Queen's broadcast delivered from her desk at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen emphasized traditional Christian values, and recalled the meaning of the Christmas story.

But the presentation was thoroughly contemporary, with the Queen, in tweed coat and relaxed mood, seen attending the annual Christmas mas party for the children of Palace employees as Father Christmas arrived, escorted by pipers, in a horse-drawn sleigh.

The Queen was shown taking the children on a tour of

Christmas changes people - if only for a few days - and is a God-given sign of the possibility of peace on earth and goodwill among men, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said in his Christmas sermon at Canterbury Cathedral.

He said: "For most of the year we are struck by the seeming impossibility of peace

and the intractability of the huge problems and evils which beset the human family.

But Christmas stirred into life. "Loving kindness is contagious; it breeds in society no less than alienation or crime or disease. Normal strains and tensions are bypassed at Christmas by mutual tolerance, and so their effects fail to appear."

"I hope it also helps them to realize how fortunate they are to have comfortable homes and warm beds to go to, unlike the Holy family, who had to share with the animals because there was no room at the inn."

It was no easy task to bring up children, "whether you are famous or quite unknown," she said. "But we could all help by letting the spirit of Christmas fill our homes with love and care and by heeding our Lord's injunction to treat

others as you would like them to treat you."

The 10-minute film was the first to be produced by Sir David Attenborough, the naturalist and broadcaster. Sir David was selected by the Queen for the assignment in September, after the death this year of Mr Richard Cawston, who made the film The Royal Family in 1969 and had produced 15 annual Christmas messages.

Broadcasters said yesterday that Sir David's production was the first to make full use of contemporary television techniques.

Among the innovations was the decision to make the film virtually at the last minute, to produce a seasonal flavour. Filming was on December 18.

In the past, the film was made in early December, to allow time for film to be shipped by air in the scores of countries where the Queen's message is televised.

Portfolio Gold - £4,000 win will pay school fees

A trade association secretary is the sole winner of Wednesday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Ian Hall, aged 57, of Farnham, Surrey, has played the game "non-stop" since it started in The Times.

Mr Hall, secretary of the Chamber of Coal Traders' Association, said: "Winning Portfolio Gold was an astonishing thing to have happened on Christmas Eve. I am quite thrilled."

"When asked how he intended spending the prize money, the father of four said: "On a good holiday and school fees. The winnings will certainly ease the financial burden a bit."

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Youths sought in hunt for girl's killer

Police hunting the killer of Nicola Spencer, aged seven, were yesterday trying to trace two youths who were seen close to her home.

They were seen last Thursday night at 10.10 - just 30 minutes before her body was found at her bedsit home in Grove Road, Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Both are described as aged about 18 and 5ft 7ins tall. One was wearing a leather jacket and jeans and both were walking along the road towards a Chinese restaurant.

Det Supt Tom Coates, who is leading the inquiry, said his appeal for the youths to come forward was as a result of new information.

Shelters role for city caves

Prehistoric caves in Nottingham may be equipped with water, generators and food so that they can be used as fallout shelters in the event of a nuclear war.

The proposal for the caves, some of which are now being brought into use as tourist attractions, is being considered by the county's emergency planners.

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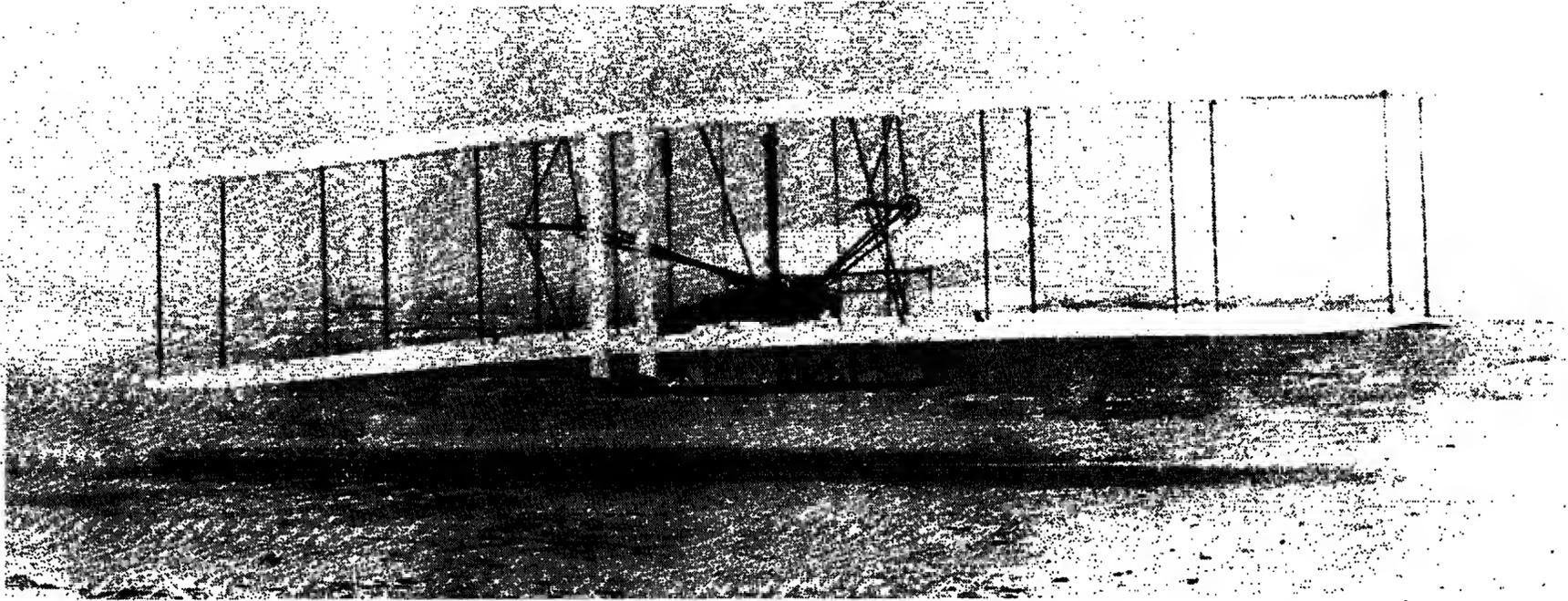
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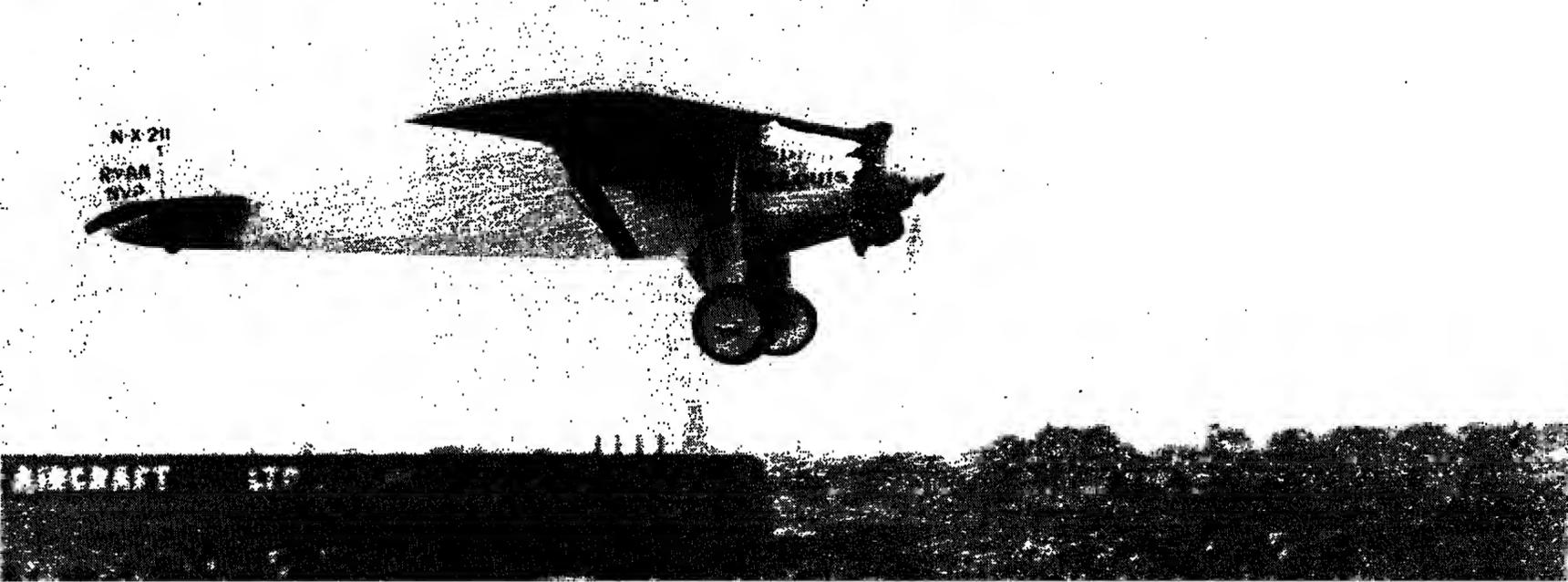
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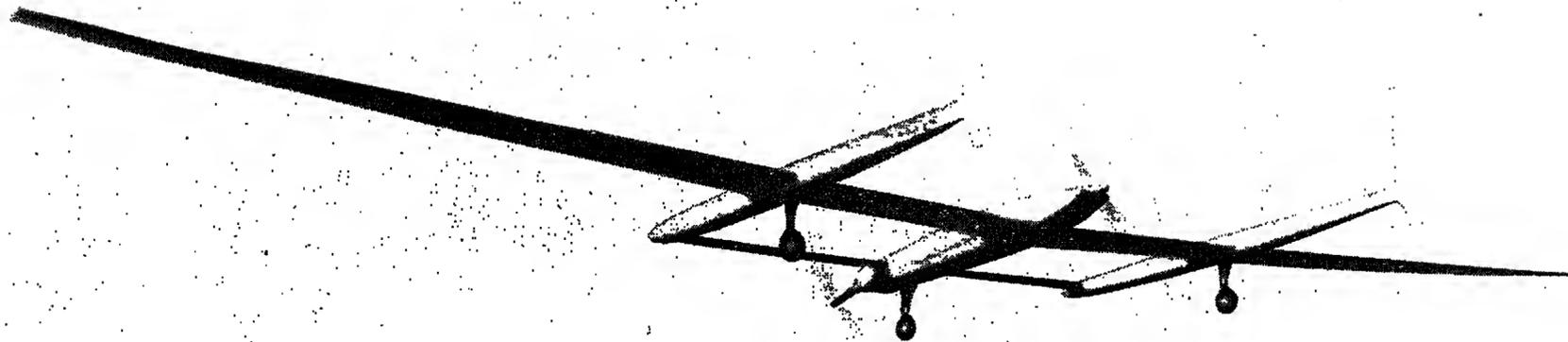
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Housing in Britain

Campaign to help the 100,000 who are homeless

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent
One hundred thousand families will this year be recorded as homeless by local authorities...

Changing face of property owners

Nearly one third of homes in Britain which are owned outright are owned by women...

Coastal trekker begins final leg

A woman set off today on the last leg of her 5,000-mile walk round Britain's coastline...



Miss Helen Krasner strides out to complete her marathon walk (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Inquiry into power station explosion

A panel of inquiry has been set up to investigate a power station explosion which caused a leakage of 8,000 gallons of oil...

Rapid increase in two-car families

By David Sapsted
There is an unprecedented boom in two-car families in Britain, according to the latest Government figures...

A rare moth holds up £7m bypass

A rare moth the size of a thumbnail, Choristoneura lafarvana, is holding up the start of work on the £7 million three-mile Dersingham-Snettisham bypass...

Funds flow to minority arts groups

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent
About £2,000 has been granted towards translating the text of a photographic exhibition about Asian women in Britain...

Church campaign aims to strengthen marriage

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent
The Roman Catholic Church tomorrow launches a three-year campaign to strengthen family life against the threats presented by the modern world...

Elephant Lola scatters hotel guests

An elephant gave Father Christmas and hotel guests a fright when a holiday spectacular went wrong...

Protection for social workers

Social workers in Derbyshire are to work in pairs and be issued with personal attack alarms costing up to £1,500 each...

Horse spends day in ditch

Firemen battled for five hours early yesterday to save a horse stuck in a muddy ditch...

Advertisement for 'U.K.'s LARGEST EVER FUR SALE' featuring 'FREE 2 FUR JACKETS ON EVERY SALE OVER £499' and listing fur types like Mink, Silver Fox, and Blue Fox with prices.

WORLD SUMMARY

Eta bomb hits French hotel

Madrid — Authorities here yesterday warned French-owned companies to take special anti-terrorism precautions, after bombs killed a policeman and injured two other people in a supermarket in the Basque country on Christmas Eve and damaged a Madrid hotel on Christmas Night (Harry Debelius writes).

Police were working on the assumption that the latest attacks are part of a campaign against French interests in Spain by the outlawed terrorist organization, Eta, in protest against French extradition and deportations of Eta activists.

Notwithstanding a gaping hole in the back wall, the Novotel Hotel, part of a French hospitality chain, was open for business here again yesterday.



Casey in coma

Washington — Mr William Casey, left, Director of the CIA, has not recovered all normal brain functions after surgery for removal of a tumour last week, according to accounts published here (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Casey, aged 73, suffered two seizures on December 17, a day before he was due to testify in the Senate on secret arms sales to Iran. According to one report, Mr Casey remains in a partial coma.

Ministry fire mystery

Manila (Reuters, AP) — The Philippines Foreign Minister, Mr Salvador Laurel, said yesterday that a fire which gutted three floors of his Foreign Ministry may have been accidental but could also have been set by terrorists.

Mr Laurel said the fire "could have been due to faulty wiring but we are not ruling out the possibility of sabotage or arson". It was followed within an hour by another blaze which damaged the Ministry of Public Works and Highways.

Meanwhile, in Zamboanga City, more than 600 families fled to emergency shelters after tribesmen raided the provincial capital in retaliation for the killing of one of their leaders, a Red Cross official said yesterday.

Assiut clashes

Assiut (Reuters) — Police arrested 111 people yesterday during street clashes with Muslim militants demanding the implementation of Islamic laws in Egypt, security officials said.

Police fired tear gas and made baton charges to disperse the demonstrators who shouted anti-government slogans. At least six policemen and six demonstrators were slightly injured, officials said.

Rhine spill

Zurich (Reuters) — An accident at a Swiss chemical plant on the upper Rhine has caused pollution of the river, police said.

The incident occurred early on Christmas Eve when between 400 and 500 litres of oil escaped into the cooling system of the plant, about 50 miles south of Lake Constance, and then into the river. The company's fire brigade tried to contain the slick in a waste water reservoir.

French railmen losing ground

From Susan MacDonald Paris

As the week-old train strike continued throughout France, the director-general of the state-owned railways, M Jean Dupuy, stated yesterday that new negotiations could only begin if the strikers went back to work.

Talks, originally set for next month, took place on Monday in view of the strike, but broke down after the railways management refused to go higher than a 3 per cent wage increase for 1987 and put off until early next year discussions on working conditions and wage structures.

The new negotiations would be wider-based, he said. The strike, which coincided with the end of the school term, has created great difficulties for thousands of Christmas and New Year holidaymakers, and ski resorts have been particularly badly affected.

However, as the strike has continued so alternative forms of long-distance transport have sprung up.

The gap between management and strikers appears as wide as ever, but the continued firm stand by the railways means that the employers hope that the unpopularity of the strike over the Christmas holiday period and the alternative forms of transport will play a part in making strikers get back to work.

Some strikers have set up their own grass-roots committees because they are afraid that the unions involved will not interpret their feelings correctly.

The railways management yesterday refused to meet the representatives of the committees.



M Dupuy: hope for wider negotiations



A white property owner in Natal, South Africa, worried by the movement of Asians and blacks into an all-white area, going on armed patrol to ensure none cross his fences.

Freed dissident may need pacemaker

Sakharov praises reforms

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

After lying deserted for nearly two years, the small, seventh-storey flat at 48 b Chkalov Street has resumed its pivotal place in Moscow's intellectual society as Dr Andrei Sakharov has used his new-found freedom to give interviews on an extraordinary range of controversial issues.

Looking relaxed despite heart problems, which his wife believes may necessitate the use of a heart pacemaker, the Nobel Peace Prize winner has lent his support to many of the reforms in Soviet life which Mr Gorbachov is trying to implement in the face of tough conservative opposition.

"The sort of articles that are now appearing read like some of the declarations from dissidents that were issued in the 1970s and for which many of my friends were jailed," the 65-year-old physicist said. "The big change is the appear-

ance of glasnost (openness) in our everyday life.

"There was practically no glasnost before, and this change is a very important move forward which promises a great deal. It is necessary for any healthy society, and it is an essential condition for other changes. I welcome it with all my heart.

"It is to the great personal credit of Mikhail Sergeevich (Gorbachov) that we have it now, even though it was in fact a historic necessity for our country," Dr Sakharov said. Speaking in the kitchen of the flat, Dr Sakharov gave the first detailed account of the historic phone call he received from Mr Gorbachov on December 16 in Gorky.

"For seven years there we had no phone. You can imagine how surprised we were on the Monday evening when some men came to install one, without explanation. On Tues-

day afternoon, at 3pm, it rang and the switchboard girl said: "Mikhail Sergeevich will speak to you."

"I was, of course, taken aback. Then he came on the line and said: 'This is Gorbachov.' 'Yes?' I said. 'Good day.' He then told me there had been a decision by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet that I could return to Moscow."

● Activist freed: A member of an unofficial Soviet group which has campaigned for better superpower relations has been amnestied from a two-year term in a labour camp, one of her colleagues said (Reuters reports from Moscow).

Mr Alexander Rubchenko said Larisa Chukaeva, who joined the "Group to Establish Trust Between the USA and the USSR" last year, came to Moscow on Thursday.

The Iraqi Airways hijack

Iran denies role in Boeing gun battle

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

Iraq yesterday angrily accused Iran of responsibility for the hijacking of the Iraqi Airways flight from Baghdad to Amman in which 62 passengers and crew died before the plane crashed into the desert near a Saudi Arabian airfield on Thursday.

The Foreign Ministry in Tehran indignantly denied any involvement, saying that Iran had always condemned "inhuman acts which may threaten the lives" of innocent passengers.

To the surprise of neither party, the Saudis — who immediately began rescue operations amid the wreckage of the Boeing 737, but who are desperate to avoid any involvement in the Gulf War — reported the "crash landing" of the Iraqi airliner but made no reference to the fact that it had been hijacked.

A statement issued in Riyadh yesterday said that, of the 107 passengers and crew on board the plane, 62 had been killed and 44 survived, with one man unaccounted for.

The most coherent account of the drama, which began shortly after the aircraft took off from Baghdad, came from Mr Suleiman Aarar, a former Jordanian Interior Minister who was on the flight.

The plane had entered Saudi airspace, he said, when a man stood up in the aisle holding a hand grenade.

"Three (Iraqi) security men jumped up and tried to stop him and wrestled him to the floor, but he slipped out of

their grasp and crawled into the cockpit," Mr Aarar said.

"The door was slammed shut. Then there were loud noises and screaming from the cockpit and from behind (me) in the economy section.

"A few moments later, there was an explosion inside the cockpit.

"Then right after that, there was another explosion in the economy class compartment and pistol shots in the cockpit."

Several passengers were killed in the brief gun battle between the security guards and the gunman, and the rest died when — as the crew desperately tried to land at the remote Arar airbase in Saudi Arabia — the plane suffered a further explosion and broke in half several yards above the desert floor.

It must have been a major task to avoid the heavy security precautions of the Iraqi police at Baghdad airport and in have smuggled weapons onto the Boeing, which suggests that the gunmen had accomplices among the authorities there.



Paris will expel Arabs after arms cache find

Paris (Reuters) — France will expel five of six people of Middle East origin arrested last week after a large cache of arms and explosives was found in a Paris suburb, an Interior Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

He said expulsion orders signed by the Interior Minister, M Charles Pasqua, had been issued to two Syrians and three Jordanians who constituted a "menace to public order".

The cache, in Aulnay-sous-Bois, north-east of Paris, included 66 lb of explosives, 51 detonators, five sub-machine-

guns and two pistols.

The group was released on Monday when police could not find any direct link between them and the stock of arms. The sixth person is a naturalized French citizen and does not face expulsion.

The spokesman said the five would be expelled "as quickly as possible", but no date had been set.

Police sources said the six were suspected of belonging to the Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, which is a dedicated opponent of the Syrian and Egyptian governments.

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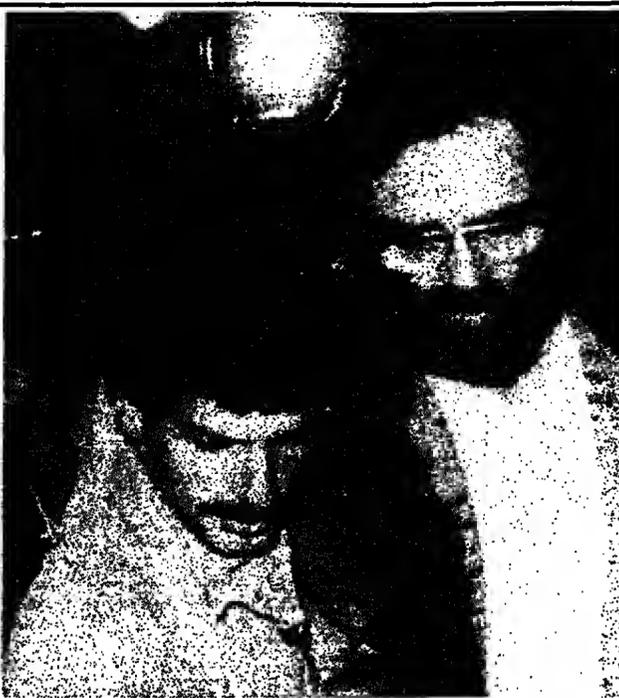


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France thanks Palestinians for helping in hostage release

From Susan MacDonald, Paris
"I think I'm dreaming. I know I'm in Paris but I can't believe it yet."
The just-released French hostage, M Aurel Cornéa, muttered this phrase several times as he stood, bewildered and hesitant, before a battery of microphones in the VIP lounge at Orly Airport on Christmas Day.



Libyan diplomat is assassinated in Bekaa ambush

From Juan Carlos Gamucio, Beirut
Unidentified gunmen ambushed and shot dead a Libyan diplomat, Mr Musbah Gharibeh, as he drove through the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley on Thursday. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack and the assassination is bound to enter Lebanon's voluminous archives of inscrutable cases.

Christmas blaze destroys saint's relic

Nice (AP) — A Christmas Night fire in a Roman Catholic cathedral destroyed the relic of a saint and three 17th century paintings, all classified as historic objects, parish officials said yesterday.

Toll rises

Delhi (Reuters) — Ten people died when their houses collapsed after a heavy snowfall and three died of exposure in the Kashmir Valley near Pakistan, bringing the death toll in the cold snap to 101.

Party time

Ankara (Reuters) — The People's Party, the 23rd party to be created since the 1980 military coup, was launched in Turkey by a group of parliamentary defectors from the main opposition Social Democratic People's Party.

Goa blast

Frankfurt (Reuters) — Two people were killed and five injured when a gas explosion destroyed the top two floors of a four-storey house in Frankfurt, firemen said.

Goa riot

Delhi (Reuters) — Police fired in the air to break up hundreds of stone-throwing demonstrators in a new upsurge of language violence in the seaside resort of Goa.

Two killed

Tenerife (Reuters) — A German tourist and a Spanish resident of Britain were killed when an explosion ripped through a block of holiday flats in the island of Tenerife.

Runway skid

Ankara (Reuters) — A Libyan Boeing 727 skidded off the runway after landing at Istanbul and tipped on to its right wing, officials said. None of the 111 passengers and 11 crew was hurt.

Worried wife is told to seek solution in Paris

Paris (Reuters) — Mme Joelle Kauffmann, the wife of a French hostage held in Lebanon, flew back to Paris from Beirut yesterday and said her visit had done nothing to alleviate concern over his fate.
"I am returning from Beirut very worried," she said. Her journalist husband, Jean-Paul, was kidnapped in May, 1985.

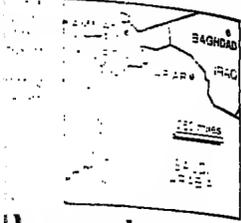


Two faces of a hostage: in the top picture M Aurel Cornéa, of the French television station Antenne-2, as he looked when he walked into the Beau Rivage Hotel in west Beirut, minutes after being released from 290 days of captivity. Above, M Cornéa on Christmas Day after his arrival in the Cypriot town of Larnaca.

To greet him as he landed in Paris on Christmas Day afternoon was the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, the Minister of Culture, M Francois Leotard, and the Minister for Security, M Robert Pandraud.
Looking frail and haggard, 55-year-old M Cornéa first greeted his wife, Aurora, and then — in a moment of high emotion — he embraced two of his television crew colleagues who had been kidnapped with him in March and released last June.

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West now less gloomy over Afghanistan

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The eighth year of Soviet occupation of Afghanistan began yesterday with the West in a less pessimistic mood. Strong statements of condemnation were balanced by more than a glimmer of hope.

Most diplomats believe that the Kremlin reached a psychological turning point during 1986. Conciliatory hints from Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, are increasingly being interpreted as a new Soviet policy in the making rather than as public relations window-dressing.

The Whitehall assessment is that Mr Gorbachov weighs the political cost more heavily than his predecessors, realizing that the West views Soviet occupation as a major barrier to arms-control treaties. Secondly, the growing cost of fighting guerrillas armed with

highly effective anti-aircraft missiles has eroded Moscow's commitment to the Kabul Government.

"Afghanistan is a test of Soviet intentions," Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday in a sharply-worded anniversary statement.

The same point was made before Christmas by the Prime Minister in a message to Mr Gorbachov. She is expected to repeat it when she visits Moscow at the end of March.

The encouraging signs noted by the West in 1986 were Moscow's attempt to improve relations with Pakistan; progress in UN-sponsored shuttle diplomacy between Islamabad and Kabul; statements by Mr Gorbachov hinting that a settlement might be near; and the withdrawal of a token 8,000 Soviet troops.

A further straw in the wind was a visit to Moscow by Afghanistan's new President, Dr

Najib, and his security chiefs earlier this month. British diplomats believe the Afghans were urged to take far greater responsibility for their own defence, allowing Moscow to appear more flexible at the next round of UN-sponsored talks in Geneva, which begins on February 11.

Mr Abdul Sattar, Pakistan's chief Foreign Ministry civil servant, predicted in London recently that the talks would produce an agreed timetable for Soviet withdrawal.

Whitehall's strategy is to keep up the pressure until a far more definite policy change emerges. Sir Geoffrey's statement mixed no words in claiming that Moscow was trying to keep the realities of Afghanistan a secret. While talking of withdrawal they had intensified the war.

The United Nations special rapporteur has estimated that 49,000 civilians were killed

in the past two years. Large scale violations of human rights continue to cause massive suffering," he said.

While the immediate aim is to allow the Soviet Union to extricate itself, the post-Soviet future is already a focus of concern.

The Mujahidin (Islamic Holy Warriors) will not easily be persuaded to stop fighting, even if the weapons supply route through Pakistan is severed. The seven main resistance movements have no political structure and only limited common aims.

The possibility of a civil war producing an extreme Islamic government would concern Whitehall and Washington almost as much as Moscow. The West has always assumed that one of President Brezhnev's original motives for the invasion was to damp down Islamic fundamentalism, within, as much as beyond Soviet borders.

Shamir testifies for defence in land bribery case

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's Prime Minister, took the witness stand in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday to testify for the defence in a bribery case involving a prominent Israeli land dealer.

It was only the second time that an Israeli Prime Minister has appeared as a witness in a criminal case. Israel's second Prime Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett, testified in a case involving a cement factory owner in 1953.

In the current case, Mr Shmuel Einav, an agent for two companies specializing in the sale of land to Israelis in the West Bank, is being charged with giving some \$10,000 (£6,900) in bribes to Mr Shamir's Likud Party during the 1984 Knesset election campaign.

Mr Einav claims he had been asked to give \$10,000 to help pay for tours of Jewish settlements in the West Bank organized as part of the Likud election campaign.

He had subsequently twice met Mr Shamir, who was Prime Minister at the time, and along with several other land dealers had been promised "in a general way" that

the problems they were encountering in buying land for Jewish settlements in the West Bank would be dealt with.

Mr Shamir told the court yesterday that he had indeed met Mr Einav and other land dealers in 1984, and had told them that he would "try to solve their problems". He strongly denied, however, that he had agreed to receive a contribution from Mr Einav to the Likud's election fund in return for special favours.

Mr Shamir went on to say that he saw no impropriety in the Likud receiving donations to its election fund from land dealers involved in settling the West Bank - a project to which the Likud is ideologically committed and which it enthusiastically promotes.

Shamir cleared: Israel Radio reported yesterday that the investigation conducted by the Attorney-General's office into the killing of two Palestinian guerrillas after they were captured in 1984 has found no ground for criminal proceedings against Mr Shamir, who was Prime Minister at the time, or any other member of Israel's political echelon.

Report exposes serious errors in Soviet courts

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

One of the most swinging indictments yet published here about the ramshackle Soviet legal system is contained in an official report recently delivered to a four-day plenum of the Supreme Court and summarized by the literary weekly, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*.

According to the report, drawn up by the court's deputy chairman, Mr Yevgeny Smolentsev, miscarriages of justice have been widespread throughout the Soviet Union. Some of the most serious examples quoted involved innocent people being sentenced to death by firing squad.

One of the worst cases outlined in the report involved 14 people from the Byelorussian town of Vitebsk, who were sentenced to what were described only as "extremely grave punishments" for crimes which they had not committed. The term is normally used in Soviet legal parlance when describing the death sentence.

The paper's reporter, Mr Arkady Vasberg, said that the investigators responsible for this miscarriage of justice had now been themselves sentenced, but none of the judges, who issued the initial false verdict or failed to overturn it

on appeal had been punished. Among other serious miscarriages of justice mentioned in the damning report was the case of an innocent man sentenced to death in the Baltic Soviet republic of Latvia, but it was not made clear whether the execution had taken place.

Literaturnaya Gazeta went on to cite the case of a boy in the Crimea who was tried for the murder of his father. His mother, despairing of getting justice from the court, conducted her own investigation and caught the real killers.

Soviet judges were known to have come under pressure from the political authorities and, in some cases, were known to have telephoned regional party officials to seek advice before giving verdicts. The judicial report disclosed that, while the number of jailings in the Soviet Union was decreasing, excessive punishments were often handed out by the courts.

This led to absurdities, such as the case of a man from Orlov imprisoned for 18 months for taking two jars of pickled cucumbers from his mother-in-law, and a man from Ulyanovsk jailed for two years for failing to return a pair of borrowed sunglasses.



The Rhone Valley's white Christmas did not enchant many motorists, but skiers in this picture are delighted to take over the main street of Lyons after six inches of snow caused serious traffic problems.

Sultan of Brunei gave Contras \$10 million

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration has uncovered a \$10 million (£6.8 million) contribution from the Sultan of Brunei to the Nicaraguan Contras, a figure much larger than congressional investigators had suspected.

The money was paid into a Swiss bank account set up under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former White House staff member, according to government officials. Additionally, the Administration has traced about \$10 million in private donations to the rebels.

The money is on top of funds diverted to the Contras from the profits of arms sales to Iran, a figure variously estimated at between \$10 million and \$30 million. The Contras have consistently claimed that they received far less than the \$20 million widely estimated to have been raised through private donations during the two years that government aid was banned by Congress.

The Administration estimates that \$10 million in equipment and arms reached the Contras during the past two years, although the precise

source of the money is not clear.

Despite the congressional ban the Administration was free to solicit non-military funds from other sources for the Contras. It approached the Sultan directly and his donation is described as "humanitarian".

According to Administration officials, the money from the Sultan was sought by the State Department on an initiative by Mr Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America.

In another development Mr Lewis Tamba, US Ambassador to Costa Rica, has been closely associated with the construction of a secret airstrip in Costa Rica for use by the Nicaraguan rebels.

The *New York Times*, quoting a senior government official in Central America, said Mr Tamba and other officials in his embassy had maintained close contact with the private supply network for the rebels set up by Colonel North. Mr Tamba was said to have secured initial Costa Rican permission to build the airstrip and was deeply involved in overseeing its use.

Moscow reports 'loss of life' in mine blast

From Our Correspondent, Jerusalem

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet Union has reported a big methane gas explosion at a coal mine in the Donbass region of the Ukraine, but local Ukrainian officials declined to say how many miners were killed.

A Ukrainian Coal Ministry spokesman, contacted by telephone, said he could give no details of the accident. A local party official said a commission had been set up to deal with Wednesday's accident at the Yasinovskaya-Glubokaya mine.

First word of the explosion came on Thursday in a statement from the party's Central Committee and the Soviet Government in Moscow.

Such high-level announcements are normally issued only after serious accidents.

The statement said the explosion had caused "loss of human lives" and the authorities had sent condolences to workers at the mine and relatives of the dead.

"The Soviet Government and the republican authorities are taking measures to provide assistance to the families of the dead and to liquidate the consequences of the disaster," it added.

Israel explains Vanunu 'hijack in Rome' claim

From Our Correspondent, Jerusalem

Israel has provided Italy with the clarification it had requested concerning the claim made by the nuclear technician, Mr Mordechai Vanunu, earlier this week, that he had been "hijacked" in Rome.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that clarification had been submitted to the Secretary-General of the Italian Foreign Ministry by the Israeli Ambassador in Rome. He would not divulge the substance of the message and had no information about any Italian response.

Mr Vanunu, who is standing trial for selling details of Israel's alleged nuclear capacity to *The Sunday Times* last September, wrote on the palm of his hand that he had been hijacked at Rome International Airport on September 30 and taken to Israel aboard British Airways' flight 504. He flashed the message to waiting reporters and photographers as he was being taken to the Jerusalem district court last Sunday.

The message was suppressed by the censors here, but appeared the following morning in the *Evening Star*

and in London. The Standard's correspondent in Jerusalem, Mr Bernard Josephs, has been questioned by the police, but strongly denies that he was the source of the story.

The government press office has raised the possibility of suspending Mr Josephs' press credentials pending the outcome of the investigation. Mr Josephs holds dual Israeli and British citizenship and is permanently resident in Jerusalem.

TEL AVIV: An American convicted of spying for Israel was told to collect potentially damaging information about Israeli politicians, the Jerusalem Post said (Reuters reports).

The paper's Washington correspondent wrote that the man, Jonathan Pollard, received the order from Rafael Eitan, head of a special intelligence unit for which he worked.

The paper said Mr Pollard, a navy intelligence analyst, had refused to search US intelligence files for embarrassing material on Israeli ministers and parliamentarians.

Alfonsín is quick to curb rights trials

From Eduardo Cue
Buenos Aires

President Alfonsín of Argentina announced yesterday that he had signed into law a Bill designed to end the trials of military officers accused of human rights violations during the former dictatorship.

Although he did not say, it appeared that the legislation was signed on Christmas Day, just one day after the Lower House of Congress passed the Bill by a 126-16 vote. The Senate had given its approval

to the controversial initiative on Monday night by a 25-10 vote.

By signing the Bill immediately into law the President underlined the unexplained urgency with which his Government treated the issue. Dr Alfonsín announced his controversial initiative only three weeks ago and it took the normally ponderous Argentine Congress only two days of lacklustre debate to approve the measure.

Despite the ease with which

the law was approved, it is likely to extract a significant political price from the Government as a fearless fighter for human rights has been irreparably tarnished and the urgency with which the Government treated the issue has also raised questions about the extent of military pressure on the civilian authorities.

Señor Luis Cáceres, a leader in President Alfonsín's own Radical Party, said over Christmas that the new law

"can be interpreted as a step backwards in the Government's policy towards human rights and will extract a very high political price

The law sets a 60-day time period in which prosecutors must obtain new indictments of military and police officers suspected of having kidnapped, tortured and assassinated terrorist suspects during the former regime's war against subversion that led to the disappearance of more than 9,000 people.

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Chinese employ tougher curbs against students in Shanghai and Peking

Shanghai (Reuter) — The Chinese authorities yesterday tightened regulations on public meetings in Shanghai after a week of demonstrations by students demanding greater democracy.

A Public Security Bureau statement said rally organizers would have to apply for a licence 72 hours in advance of a meeting, giving the number of participants and proposed route of any parade.

In Peking, the authorities yesterday banned rallies and protest marches in parts of the capital and warned students against "bourgeois Western" ideals.

Peking's state-run television and radio said public gatherings were banned in Tiananmen Square in the centre of the capital, in areas near the Great Hall of the People, Zhongnanhai — the residence of Communist Party leaders — and roads leading to the airport.

Under the rules, effective immediately, march organizers will be responsible for maintaining order and must not allow unauthorized people to take part.

The security authorities retained the right to stop meetings if any law was broken. Only a small crowd gathered in Shanghai's People's Square yesterday, the birthday of Mao Tse-tung, who led the 1949 Communist Revolution and died in office 10 years ago.

Mao, with the support of radicals in Shanghai, launched the extreme leftist Cultural Revolution in 1966 during which he deposed President Liu Shaoqi and purged the Government and party.

Last weekend, 10,000 students demanding democracy and press freedom demonstrated in People's Square. Student leaders said they were planning further protests and

China has cut by almost a half the general staff of its armed forces and reduced the 4.2 million strong Peoples Liberation Army by 410,000 of a planned one million reduction, according to the New China News Agency (Reuter reports from Peking). The cuts were announced at a meeting of the Communist Party's Central Military Commission in Peking chaired by Deng Xiaoping.

had applied to the authorities for licences.

Student fervour has apparently tempered in the past two days with the city free of protest marches that obstructed traffic and affected business in shops and restaurants.

A foreign student contacted by telephone in Nanjing, central China, said that several thousand students and workers had marched through the city on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week calling for freedom and democracy.

The student said demonstrators were keeping informed of other protests in China, mostly through foreign radio broadcasts, especially the Voice of America.

Official newspapers repeated calls for restraint, urging unruly students not to undermine stability.

In Peking, leading academics yesterday called on students to stay off the streets as Western diplomats praised China for handling the protests with a sophistication and tact rare in a communist country.

The People's Daily yesterday quoted Professor Fei Xiaotong of Peking University as saying that Chinese people did not, for many historical reasons, know how to use democracy.

"We cannot attain it in one step. We are still in the process of studying how to use it," he said.

The People's Daily, commenting on the student protests, drew parallels with the Cultural Revolution.

The official campaign warning students against demonstrating has spread to radio stations and television news, which showed soldiers on the Vietnam battlefield visiting three universities in Peking.

"We at the front are very concerned that China is stable and united in the course of national construction," one of them said.



The Pope greets thousands of pilgrims and tourists from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, overlooking St Peter's Square, after delivering his Christmas blessing which was broadcast on radio and television to millions around the world.

Pope calls for end to hate and violence

By Our Foreign Staff

The Pope has called for an end to a clamour of hate and violence and said the world's powers have aroused fears of apocalyptic destruction.

He expressed his hopes and worries for the future in his Christmas Day message read from the central balcony of St Peter's Basilica to about 20,000 people in the square below and televised to millions in more than 40 countries.

The Pope wove his address around the multi-religious peace prayer meeting he hosted in Assisi on October 27, during which many governments and guerrilla groups heeded his call for a one-day truce in their conflicts.

In Peking more than 1,000 people packed a Gothic church on Christmas Day to hear Mass sung in Latin in the only country where Latin Mass is still the norm.

Three Catholic churches in Peking held Christmas services with two offering Midnight Mass. Witnesses said one Mass was halted abruptly by church officials, who told the congregation to leave after only a few dozen had received the sacrament.

In the Soviet Union Catholics and Protestants attended Midnight Mass to mark the start of the Christmas holiday. Tass said Christmas services were held at the Roman Catholic church of St Ludovic in Moscow and in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

It said sermons were devoted to peace and "a world without nuclear weapons".

On Bethlehem's 20th Christmas under Israeli military occupation, pilgrims flocked to the Judean town and chanted prayers in front of a figure of the infant Jesus in a grotto revered as His birthplace.

Israeli troops eased security after Midnight Mass, taking down booths where they had used metal detectors to search visitors for weapons.

In Manila fireworks lit up the skyline as revellers across the Philippines enjoyed the first Christmas Day in nearly two decades that promised to be free of guerrilla violence.

In Sri Lanka government forces and Tamil guerrillas observed a Christmas truce as thousands thronged churches to pray for peace and unity for the violence-torn island.

Democracy and the Chinese

Shanghai (Reuter) — For Yao Minzu, a 22-year-old chemical engineering student here, democracy is about the good things in life — higher living standards, good jobs and personal freedoms.

After protesting for five days on the streets of China's largest port city, few students are willing to talk to foreign reporters. Those who do usually insist on anonymity.

The name Yan Minzu, which means "demand for democracy", was chosen by the lanky, bespectacled young man to emphasize his determination to pursue the student campaign.

"Many students have been discreetly told by university officials not to talk to foreigners. They said this is a

purely family affair which is of no concern to others," he said.

"We have little democracy here — we can't even choose our own jobs. We have very few human rights."

Another student leader, who called herself Liang Xia, meaning "conscience", said that discontent in Shanghai's seven major universities had been simmering for some time and reached a boiling point on December 9.

University authorities banned students from celebrating the anniversary that day of a big student movement during China's war with Japan in the 1930s, she said.

Liang said students from Fudan, Tongji and the Communications Universities formed the backbone of the

first wave of protests in Shanghai last Friday.

More than 10,000 students gathered in China's biggest demonstration for years in Shanghai's People's Square on Sunday to demand democracy and press freedom.

A scuffle broke out when police tried to disperse the crowd and some students were seen being dragged into police cars. The authorities have remained silent on student arrests but said they had detained two workers on charges of creating disorder.

Liang said one cause of unrest was a proposed government price increase on some food items, cigarettes and other consumer goods scheduled for the end of this month.

MP to visit rebels' stronghold

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

An MP from Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party has been in touch with the Northern Province leaders of the Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), to arrange a visit early next year to the guerrilla-controlled province's capital, Jaffna.

The MP for Yatiyantota, Mr Vincent Perera, who was involved in the negotiations last week which led to the release by the LTTE of two captured soldiers in exchange for two of their men, is planning to take a delegation of at least two other government MPs and a few Buddhist monks to Jaffna in the first or second week of January, according to a government source.

A Tamil businessman who helped secure the release of the soldiers is also involved in the present attempt at negotiations with the LTTE, the source said.

Punjab crisis Delhi worried by priest

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi

Mr Buta Singh, the Home Minister, has flown to Chandigarh to have urgent talks with the Punjab Government in the wake of violence in the state and the appointment of a chief priest at the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Eight people, including three from Pakistan, have been killed. There was also an attempt to blow up an express train near Amritsar. Six bombs were placed on the line and services were suspended for several hours.

The change of high priest in the Golden Temple has caused greater worry to Delhi. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, which was taken over by the militant Akali breakaway group earlier in the month, has appointed Mr Darshan Singh as High Priest of the Akal Takht, the highest seat of religious authority among the Sikhs.

Mr Darshan Singh was in prison for several months this

is that the moderates are fast losing ground to the militants in the Sikh faith.

Even the ruling Akali group is becoming restive. In an attempt to retrieve its sagging image, it has asked the Chief Minister and the party chief, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, to hold immediate "final talks" with Delhi for the implementation of the Punjab agreement signed between Mr Gandhi, the Prime Minister, and the late Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, last year.

In the north-east state of Tripura, where the Communist Party of India (Marxist) is in power, Tripura National Volunteer (TNV) guerrillas are being blamed for killing eight people yesterday — including three women and three children — in the northern area of Kamalpur. The number of dead in the past three days has risen to 18.

The TNV is an extremist group of tribals, who has been indulging in violence and demanding the removal of non-tribals from the state.

year for having sung songs in the countryside of Punjab in praise of the assassins of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the late Indian Prime Minister.

The removal of the former Head Priest of the Akal Takht, Mr Gian Kripal Singh, is ominous enough, but the appointment of Mr Darshan Singh has added a new dimension to the present situation because he is known to sympathize with the militants. A still more disturbing message

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Methuselah lived to be 969. A few millennia later, we have little chance of seeing 110. Fear not - the quest for longevity still obsesses scientists, some of whom believe our lifespans may double by the year 2000. But how? Andrew Duncan looks at the conflicting theories

Can we buy time?

An elixir of youth, the dream of a longer life, spans part surgery, anti-wrinkling creams - this is the time of year when thoughts of staying young are awakened amid the dyspeptic detritus of over-indulgence. For centuries there have been controversial attempts to cling to youth and prolong life - potions, monkey-gland implants, goat-testicular transplants, injections with the cells of newly killed lambs or camel sperm, the nip and tuck of the plastic surgeon's knife and numerous drugs - but although the average lifespan has increased dramatically, the maximum authenticated age is still no more than 120.

There are those who say this could double for people born at the end of this century, but it would be unwise to become too excited by the prospects. The price might be no less until middle-age, a head transplant, a severely reduced diet or massive doses of vitamins and antioxidants.

"Nevertheless, human life extension is going to occur whether we like it or not," says Robert Reynolds, manager of Life Extension Foundation, an research organization in Florida. "If you want to speculate, you can talk about living to a thousand. For the average person, I suppose, that is inconceivable - but a Victorian engineer would have said the same about television, so why not now?"

Like any other field of hope and wishful thinking, longevity has its charlatans as well as its scrupulous researchers. "There's all sorts of quackery about," says Sir Cyril Clark, director of research at the Royal College of Physicians, who is trying to find out why the number of people living to 100 has risen tenfold in the past 30 years. "But there are many factors in living longer - exercise, weight reduction, antibiotics. I think the Clean Air Acts have done a great deal. You could say people are living longer because of the decline in religion. Not many people believe in the hereafter, so they keep going."

And is it true that female centenarians are more likely to be spinsters than married? "I've heard it rumoured. It may be to do with not having a husband. The ageing process is complex and varies from one society to another." It is generally assumed that current lifespan is based on a combination of environment, health care and genetic factors - far your own potential lifespan, it is said, divide the total lengths of your grandparents by four.

This leaves plenty of room for fraudulent claims. Dr Richard Cutler, a research chemist at Baltimore's Gerontology Research Centre, part of the National Institute on Aging, says: "One of our biggest problems is that this every good scientist in this field there are 10 quacks. There's such a long history of

trying to lengthen life that everyone has given up hope, but the exciting thing is that we are now at the stage where we might be able to do something about it. There will be giant leaps in the next 10 years. "We don't really know what makes people age, and people are usually put off studying it because it's so complex. The basic biology of chimpanzees is remarkably similar to human - yet they have a maximum lifespan of only 50 years. We're investigating to see if we keep ourselves better maintained against the normal by-products of metabolism."

Oxygen, he believes, may be a culprit, so even breathing is bad for us. When we breathe, toxic by-products called oxidicals are formed which

"I am on this life curve that terminates at 130, but don't know when I'll fall off"

destroy other chemicals in the body and cause havoc with the DNA, the genetic material which instructs the body's cells. The body produces enzymes to counteract the oxidicals but the rate of enzyme production reduces with age. "We're not looking for some magic potion," Dr Cutler says, "but it is possible that longevity can be increased by antioxidants like Vitamin E."

One of the most prominent contributors to the anti-ageing circus is Dr Christiana Barnard, who promotes Glycel, a range of cosmetics which are supposed to "rejuvenate" the skin - a claim greeted with scepticism by other members of the medical profession. The cosmetics are expensively packaged in bottles containing GSL, "an ingredient developed in Switzerland by Dr Christiana Barnard", who receives 5 per cent of the company's 3 per cent royalties on sales. Independent tests suggest that the "cremes" and lotions are basically made of distilled water, sheep grease and Vaseline. Nevertheless \$4 million worth was sold in the first few days in America, and Harrods - which sells it exclusively in Britain - says that sales have been very good. An ounce of cellular anti-ageing cream costs £55, and 6.6oz of cellular cleanser is £25.

"The controversy is mainly due to a misunderstanding of my involvement," Barnard says. "I did basic research into

the biology of ageing and discovered the role of a molecule called Glycospingolipids (GSL) which plays a part in the repair of damaged cells. I had no part in developing the cosmetic.

"My approach to medicine is not to prolong life, but to improve its quality. People think it's strange that I have gone from being a scientist into something oon-scientific. In fact, what I am now doing is more in the realm of science than a transplant because a transplant is just a surgical technique, whereas this is basic scientific research."

However, it does seem to the uninitiated - and also to doctors like Professor Albert Kligman, a leading dermatologist - that Barnard is merely flapping an expensive skin cream. "We had designer clothes and designer perfume," Kligman says. "Now it seems to be the age of the designer doctor."

At the Wolfson Institute of Gerontology at Hull University, research lecturer Dr Brian Merry has been keeping rats alive until four years old - 50 per cent longer than their normal lifespan - by feeding them half a normal diet. "It's been known since 1917 that you can slow down ageing by reducing diet, but we don't know why," he says.

"We're interested in the rate of protein turnover. It slows down as animals age, which means proteins are hanging around for a long time and are likely to become defective. This causes cells to age. But in diet-restricted rats protein turnover is quicker and the cells stay young longer."

"You wouldn't do the same thing with humans because you'd end up killing them," Merry continues. "Ageing is extremely complex, and I don't think life will be extended in the foreseeable future. Even if I could do for humans what I can do for rats today - which means we could live to 150 - it would be undesirable. Every time I speak to economists they throw up their hands and say 'We've scheduled everything for people dying at 70. You'll throw all our calculations out of the window.'"

There is no such squeamishness in America, where an authority on ageing, Dr Roy Walford, a 63-year-old research pathologist at UCLA, has reduced his weight to 10 stone, cutting his caloric intake down to 1,500 a day supplemented by vitamins. (The norm would be between 2,250 and 3,000 a day). "It is undernutrition, not malnutrition," he says. "People suffering from anorexia nervosa may starve to death but if they're studied early enough they are found to be super healthy and very resistant to infection because they are on such a high-quality, low-calorie diet."

"I am on this life curve that terminates at 130, but I don't know when I'll fall off. You

can retard ageing and extend maximum lifespan by up to 60 per cent. I think people born at the end of the century will be living to 120 and the probability of staying alive to 130 is very high. People assume that means being decrepit, but in fact you stretch out your youth into middle-age so the question to ask is: 'Do you want to be young longer?'"

"The trouble with you Europeans is that you accept your individual fate more than we do, which is one reason why innovative culture has shifted to the Pacific."

Indeed it has, and two fellow Californians are also leading searchers for the fountain of youth. Dark Pearson and Sandy Shaw, both 42, have sold 2.5 million copies of their Life Extension books. "They're charlatans," Dr

"Maybe I can have my brain relocated to a computer, until I can return to human form"

Walford says. "They are the latest manifestation of a breed that has been prospering in this field for 2,000 years."

Pearson and Shaw claim that human lifespan can be increased by large doses of nutrients and vitamins and say that over the past 18 years they have each undergone more than 1,000 clinical tests to ensure they are not damaging themselves with excessive vitamin E and BHT, a food preservative they say removes fat deposits in the arteries. "We're both dedicated gourmets and eat a lot of fat," Pearson says, "and even though I have the genes for familial hyper-lipidemia (excess fat) which killed my grandfather with a heart attack and my father with a stroke, I have a cholesterol count which would be great for a healthy teenager."

"Of course, there's a lot of jealousy in science and Roy Walford's book (Maximum Life Span) dropped into a hole and has sold about one per cent of ours. He's a nice person, but a liar."

Not everyone believes in the chemical approach. According to Professor Michael Rose, associate professor of biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, evolution may hold the key. He suggests that by delaying reproduction into middle age - through several generations - humans can be programmed to live longer.

"Medical people think that they will find a magic potion to cure ageing. I study it

withio the evolutionary framework."

"There are a variety of antagonistic relationships between sex and living longer. A female fruitfly which lays more eggs young will die sooner than one that doesn't. The male experiments are more controversial, but there is evidence that more mating gives rise to a decreased lifespan."

In laboratory tests Dr Rose kills the young that fruitflies produce in the early stages of adulthood and allows only those produced later to survive. After 15 generations he produces a "superfly" which can live twice as long as normal. "Over time, evolution selects a longer lifespan, and our research suggests that this could work in humans. Contrary to the biological approach, there is no fundamental problem in living longer."

But Darwinian theories may, according to Dr Arthur Harkins, an anthropologist at the University of Minnesota, be made obsolete by astonishing electronic progress. Within years, he claims, miniaturization of micro-circuitry will have resulted in biochip implants for sphincter control, blood-pressure monitoring and a new type of artificial heart developed from the back muscle of a patient and controlled by a micro-processor. In laboratories, biochips have already been developed that are far in advance of today's heart pacemaker. He says that within two decades they will be injected through a hypodermic needle to become the body's early warning system for cancer and other illnesses.

"The implications for people in the medical profession are overwhelming," he says. "It invalidates them and takes away their work in much the same way that dentists have seen the rise of dental hygienists, decay injections and plaque-removal solutions becoming a threat to their income. Doctors will have their work taken over by cell biologists and electronic experts who will develop miniaturized robots to clean out arteries."

Dr Harkins, now 50, was one of the few people who expressed a personal interest in all the research. "I never want to die," he said. "The life expectancy on my father's side is 60 and it's 100 on my mother's. I'm hoping to live to 80, when technology should be advanced enough for me to have my brain or head removed and transplanted on to another body, perhaps one cloned from my own. This has been done for many years with dogs and cattle. Or maybe I can have my brain relocated to a computer, until such time as I can return to a human form."

At least, that way, he will save money on Dr Barnard's cremes.



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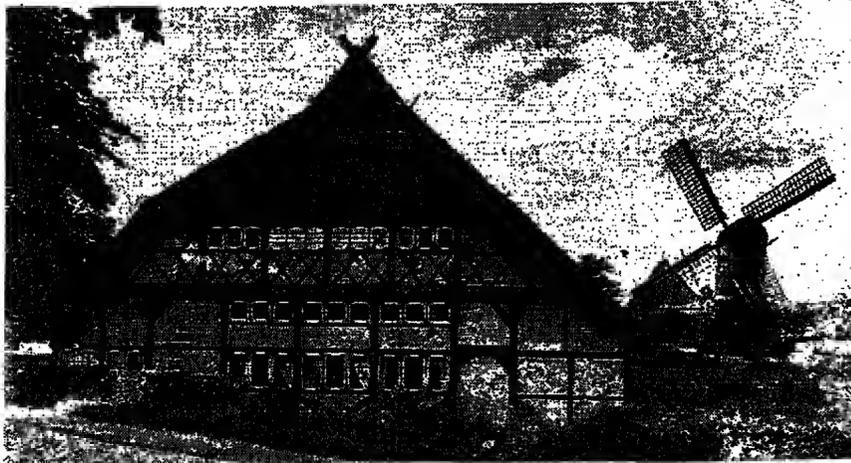
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TRAVEL 1

Yielding marsh of time

Water, water everywhere, but the flat landscape of Schleswig Holstein is also awash with an ageless and resilient character, as Hilary Finch discovered



A CND sign and a black and white cow rose out of the North Sea. A sandbank sidled past. After 20 hours of sailing, the first sign of land was the outcrop-free island of Fan. Ten minutes later came the Danish port of Esbjerg, and the start of a drive along the first part of the Green Coast Road from Jutland to Holland. The idea was to discover that Germany, too, had a coastline.

With obstinate and thorough perseverance, the North Sea makes its presence felt in every grass blade of Friesian Schleswig-Holstein, the marshy borderland between Denmark and Germany, where the land is as flat as the sea, and the natives claim you can see on Friday the visitor who is coming on Sunday.

Water weighs down the clouds in the vast sky, and permeates the paintings of the local Expressionist, Emil Nolde, flooding his vibrant sunset marshes, dripping through his *Ungemalte Bilder*, the "unpainted" watercolours, long hidden from Nazi predators, and now most beautifully displayed in the small Nolde Museum at Seebüll.

Life is, in turn, conflict and compromise with the sea. Dykes, bumpy with sheep silhouettes, are built and rebuilt, cycle roads and cycle maps, tide-plans for swimmers and walkers proliferate;

drainage canals form a grid for fields of Friesian cattle; and low, thatched farmhouses, like the Arlau-schleuse Hotel near the shipbuilding town of Husum, offer peaceful sanctuary and evenings warmed by the local *Friestengeist*, a grain schnapps laced with peppermint and aniseed.

It is a landscape whose spaces demand time. Take plenty of it, visiting perhaps the little marshy islands of Nordstrand, Föhr and Sylt, before curiosity leads you astray to the other, eastern

Sunstruck fields of rape and cosy brick architecture

seacoast. For when Germany comes face to face with the Baltic, a sea no longer intercepted by dyke walls or filtered by marshland, it imposes a rather different type of control.

The land is still on the defensive. But now the sea has become an embarrassment rather than a danger. In little faceless resorts like Laboe, spawned by Kiel, even the tide is put in its place, recreated more comfortably in indoor heated tidal swimming pools. And on the white sands of Travemünde, Lübeck's mari-

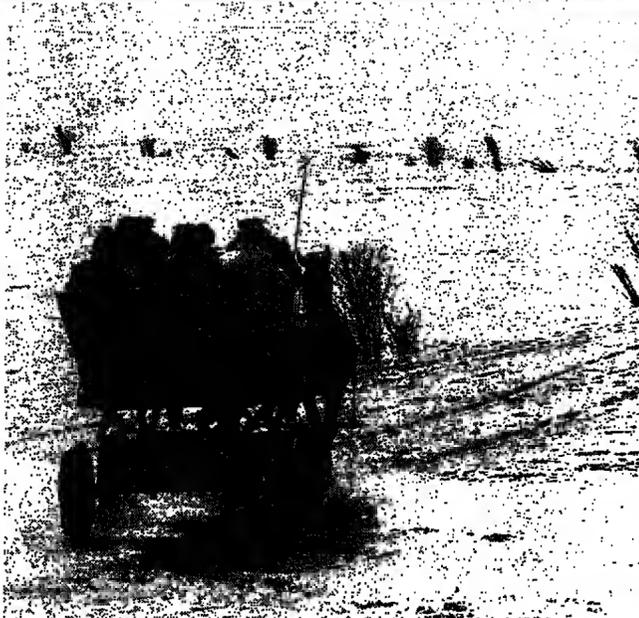
time neighbour, parade-lines of Lloyd-loom sentry-boxes provide upholstered comfort and protection from the wind.

The traveller is driven back inland to a feudal landscape of agricultural land whose sunstruck fields of rape and cosy brick architecture quietly contradict the troubled, wrangling history of Schleswig-Holstein, and the post-war compound. At Eutin, preparing to celebrate the 200th birthday of its son, Carl Maria von Weber in his own open air lake theatre, I stopped to eat trout in the dark paneled rooms of the Restaurant Voes Haus, once the meeting place of German poets and philosophers following Rousseau's call back to nature.

It is quite possible, in fact, to spend a month walking, driving or boating your way round Schleswig-Holstein and eat nothing but fish, such is its infinite variety. I found two long menus of trout and Matjes (tiny, so-called "virgin" herrings) alone in Lütjenburg's Bismarckturn restaurant and in the basement of Hamburg's Belle Vue Hotel.

Lübeck offers nothing less than the apotheosis of the fish. A golden galleon, glistening high above the red-brick gables and grey spires, signals the Schiffergesellschaft, a medieval tavern, once the home of the guild of fisherman, and oow a meeting place for every fish created in the firmament below. This, too, is the place to learn the real meaning of *schmalz*: a dripping, piquant with apples and spice, to be spread thickly on the blackest bread you can find.

Lübeck prides itself no less on its Niederegger marzipan, than on the fact that this free Hanseatic town was actually ostracized by Hitler after he had been forbidden to speak in it. An uncompromising sense of Protestant austerity and mercantile pragmatism



House and horse power: one of Schleswig Holstein's typically attractive farmhouses (top) and (above) a coach takes visitors across the marshlands to one of the nearby islands

pervades this red-brick island on the Trave; the massive, obese Holstenor fortifies the harbour, 16th-century houses carries a scent of Venetian spice on the tradewinds of continuing east-west maritime commerce. It lingers inescapably in the air of Hamburg, too. Behind the Pöschdorf is a village of *fin-de-siècle* warehouses, busy still with the bartering of silk, spices, coffee, tea and tobacco.

Persian carpets hang from their windows, awaiting favourable exchange rates, and an entire day can be spent indulgence in this city of irresistible austerity. But its apocryphal etymology (Marci panis - St Mark's bread) carries a scent of Venetian spice on the tradewinds of continuing east-west maritime commerce. It lingers inescapably in the air of Hamburg, too. Behind the Pöschdorf is a village of *fin-de-siècle* warehouses, busy still with the bartering of silk, spices, coffee, tea and tobacco.

Marzipan really is the only

happily along the waterways of a city with more bridges and canals than Venice.

For Hamburg, too, is ruled by water, and its ebb and flow make it the most unpredictable of cities. It is Germany's largest industrial centre; yet it is possible to walk in parkland from the Alster lake to the Elbe without crossing a single road. It is Luther's mighty fortress of Protestantism; yet his statue stands stolidly outside North Germany's most outrageously baroque 18th-century church, the Michel.

It is a city in which a leading where may be asked to bring Toulouse-Lautrec to life in a stage-show at the Kunsthalle, and where, at the Café Schwender in the Groszmarkt, coffee and classical music strike up at 6.30am on a Sunday morning if anyone wants it. It can take five or six hours to leave behind if you sail away up the Elbe back to the North Sea, just long enough to recover.



An independent reign in Spain

TRAVEL NEWS

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TRAVEL 2

Fifty is a dangerous age



Adventure-filled holidays are not exclusively for the young, says Rob Neillands, who reports from the wrong side of the Matterhorn in the first of a series

It occurred to me the other day that independent travel, where you reject the pre-booked package and elect to assemble the components yourself, is rather like a jigsaw; all the pieces are irregular but you have to make them fit. Should any fail to do so, Murphy's Law comes swiftly into force.

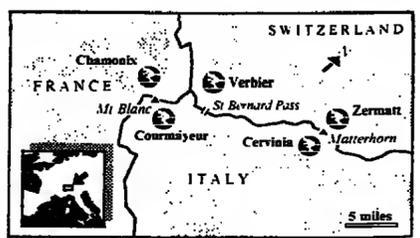
This thought should have occurred to me before, because in the first of the expeditions which marked my 50th year there came a moment when half the team was lost in a howling blizzard clinging to the Italian side of the Matterhorn, while the other half, plus all our baggage, was somewhere in the mist on the Swiss side. Something had gone seriously wrong - and it was clearly all my fault.

into the Alpine villages of France, Italy and Switzerland, where the Thomson Holiday reps would await our arrival with smiles, rooms, meals and (if need be) hot water bottles; after all, when you get to that uncertain age, you are not out to prove anything.

in Switzerland, but none of us had our glasses and the numbers in the local telephone book were much too small to read. Contact was eventually established and we skied on to Cervinia for a night at the Hotel Cristallo, where our dishevelled appearance in the cocktail bar caused some surprise among the other guests, who took us for eccentric millionaires. There we stayed, gracing the cocktail bar in our ski-suits and socks until the others turned up with our luggage, after a nightmare journey in a howling blizzard over the St Bernard Pass.



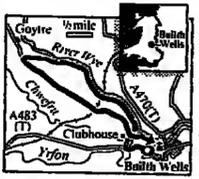
Frozen oldies: Rob Neillands (front) and friends finally cleared to go on Day Two.



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the end was in sight and we had to get on. We managed to descend not to the snow by about noon, and set off down the glacier for Chamouney. This Mer de Glace skiing is not difficult, and the scenery is splendid, so the best way to do this trip is to get a group together and take a picnic lunch, stopping halfway down the run to sunbathe, admire the crags and listen to the creaking of the ice. Unfortunately we didn't have a picnic with us and our Courmayeur guide who must have been at the back of the queue when the Italians were getting their charm, was in a great hurry to get home. We whizzed down to the end in under a couple of hours, then splashed through the melting snow into Chamouney and got our ski boots off at last. Then it was into our "Been-There-Don't-That" T-shirts for our final dinner. What shall we do at 60, I wonder?

WYE VALLEY WALK
Built Wells
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Kilvert was an inveterate walker, often covering 20 miles a day. This walk from Built Wells is a modest six miles, part of it along the Wye Valley Footpath.
The A483 crosses the tumbling Yrfon River. Turn along the lane past the golf clubhouse. As the lane twists left, a footpath starts. This soon hugs the gloriously indolent Wye.
The railway which, arguably, would have been the prettiest in the principality had it survived, ran on the opposite bank. The line had



just arrived when Kilvert came and he used it extensively on his travels.
The path plunges in and out of autumn-clothed woodlands then under the high rail bridge there is an unfortunate plethora of "no fishing" signs that withstand the eager waters.
After three miles by the riverside, a yellow waymark arrow directs the walker out of the wood and up a steep meadow. Look for a stile to a lane. Turn left. The tranquil way dips and rises towards Built. Near the clubhouse a final path chases the waters downstream to the town.
Richard Shurey

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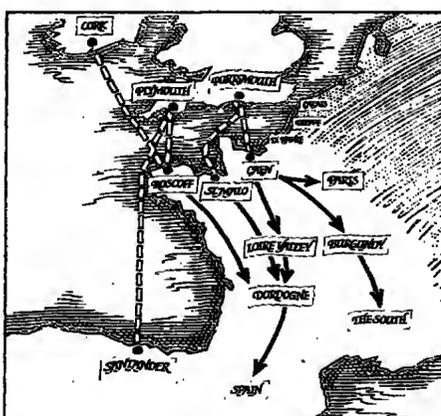
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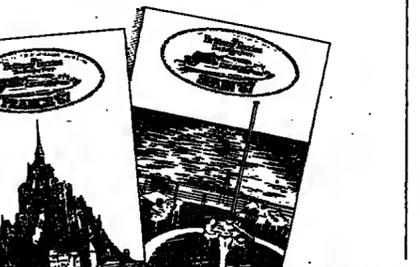
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France Mosley

Leeds lost the European Cup Final in 1975. Had the manager, Jimmy Armfield, sent on his sub, the spectacularly gifted inside forward Duncan Mackenzie, the result would have been very different. I watched that game at Casper John's house with Martin Cropper and Rowley Leigh who own and again drowned David Coleman's voice with recipes from the Jane Grigson book he was reading with the eye that wasn't on the screen. This was the first I'd heard of his enthusiasm for cooking - though the state of the kitchen should have been clue enough. Soon after he joined the Roux Brothers' organization as something like a plongeur, the Roux, for a long time, treated him the way Armfield treated Mackenzie; they wouldn't risk him with his own kitchen. When, eventually, they did send him out on to the park, the results were electrifying - in the past couple of years he has transformed a restaurant that was competent into one which is exciting. And exciting for the right reasons. Le Poulbot was decked out by the interior decorator, David Mlinaric, who made a spectacularly ghastly job of the place. Thus there is nothing to detract from Leigh's cooking. The most recent meal I had there included a subtle consommé, a quite extraordinary daube of beef and sweetbreads, which was gamey and unlike any such dish I've ever tasted, and a dessert that comprised five or so different chocolate confections. Leigh's cooking, pace the Good Food Guide, is not recognizably of the Roux school. His style is unfussy, direct, muscular. His dishes are not especially easy on the eye; he caters rather for the tongue and the nose and the tummy. His is a restaurant to make sycophants of us all. It is also far cheaper than most establishments of its standard - about £60 for two. Other things in its favour are the courteous and prompt service, the superb cheeses, the muted hum of voices - there is none of the echoic din that clatters through more hard-edged places. Again, its set lunches (it is open only at lunchtime) offer about six choices per course; and there is no carte, so the sharp practice of trying to steer customers in that direction is naviated. Le Poulbot is not a fashionable restaurant and duly

been open just over a year and so, I think, qualifies as a newcomer. In that time, I've been six times and have not been disappointed by his properly executed French provincial dishes: duck confit, a fine potée that included heart and tongue, brains in beurre blanc and so on. There is nothing trendy about the design, which may be the reason that the video yobs who roam Soho at lunchtime give it a miss; also, it is simply a serious (and very reasonably priced) restaurant easily the finest couscous in town. It is small, family run, very friendly and good value. A fair proportion of the clientele seems to be French, expatriates nostalgic for Rue de la Huchette and Barbes Rochechouart. The décor is forgettable, there is good Moroccan wine, the brik à l'œuf is splendid, the portinus copious. I had hoped to dole out these gongs entirely to places ever. Orso is certainly the best Italian restaurant I've been to in London and is also undeniably the produce of a fashionable hand at the drawing board. But never mind - the food is what counts and it is as near to north Italian home cooking as you'll get. Al San Vincenzo is as close to Neapolitan home cooking as you'll get. Like Laurent, it's a small, family-run affair, and like Laurent again, its owner's enthusiasm and passion and scorn of shortcuts are manifest in all the dishes. Finally, the Pizzeria Castello: undoubtedly the bargain of the year, but even if its pizzas cost twice what they do, it would still be worth crossing London for. As I said when I wrote about it in the summer, the pizzas are the best outside Italy and better than many within.

doing fairly simple things and getting them right: the only things it gets wrong are the quality of its bread and the fact that it doesn't serve beer, which is the apt accompaniment to some of its northern and eastern French dishes. But these are tiny quibbles. The wine list is outstanding, strong no the more obscure regions, and the service is charming. This is the sort of place London needs more of. It could also do with more places such as Laurent, the Tunisian restaurant in a missable stretch of the Finchley Road, which does what is

scores highly. Its wine list gets low marks, though there are some drinkable (and affordable) bottles. I've enjoyed the three meals I've eaten here more than those at any other place I've visited in the six months I've been doing this column. Leigh is to be congratulated on his inventiveness, his consistency and, not least, his ability to cook meat as well as he does fish - this is becoming an increasingly unusual talent. And the Roux Brothers are to be applauded for giving so singular a maverick his head, and for having trained an Englishman to beat the French at their own game. Rowley Leigh was at Cambridge; Nicholas Blacklock at Oxford. This helps. I mean that if you are not born into a gastronomic culture, if you are born British, and you're going to live by your stove, then it helps if you can read and write and think a bit. London is full of dim second-raters who have learnt to cook by rote: their two productions are everywhere. I don't think it's a coincidence that the best of the "new" British chefs - Leigh, Blacklock, Alastair Little, Simon Hopkinson - are people one can talk to on other subjects than the price of sweetbreads or the state of their rivals' restaurants. Blacklock's La Bastide has

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DRINK

Break out the bubbly to ring in the new



New Year's Eve is the one night in the year when champagne should be in everyone's glass. Even party-throwing Scrooges should treat their guests to champagne, if only one bottle to drink as the clock strikes twelve. As non-vintage champagne is now a commonplace on shop shelves I decided this year to hold a tasting of the classier vintage champagnes, including the new, comparatively inexpensive, own-label versions from supermarkets and off-licences. All the big grandes marques names were included in this blind tasting, but sadly all four tasters - wine consultant James Rogers (JR), Master of Wine Manroen Ashley (MA), Robin Young (RY) from The Times and myself (JM) - were disappointed. With most of the champagnes priced at £15-plus, we expected a lot more class and excitement for our money. The main problem is that the '79 vintage, from which most of our champagnes come, is mostly a disappointing year (despite its reputation in Champagne), and the '82s are far too young. Still, we did at least find some starry vintage champagnes, and my wish is to celebrate the New Year with a wine from one of our top three categories.

- 1981 Lambert Blanc de Blancs, Peter Dominic £8.95. At this low price Peter Dominic's own-label vintage fizz is practically given away. JMQ enjoyed its 'elegant Chardonnay style' and MA its 'biscuity-yeasty' nose and 'clean light lively' palate.
1981 Charles Heidsieck Brut, Fortnum & Mason £17.25, Findlater, Mackie Todd, 92 Wigmore Street, London W1 E1 4B1. A step up for Charles Heidsieck, for this champagne house generally produces more disappointments than delights. JMQ found this a 'frothy young fruity-flowery palatable fizz'.
1982 Champagne de Saint Gall, Premier Cru, Extra Brut, Marks & Spencer £10.99. Considered by better than the '80 edition of this champagne, the '82 Saint Gall is made by one of the largest co-operatives in the region: Union Champagne. JMQ liked its 'frothy bubbles, light crisp zesty-meaty nose' backed up by an 'assertive full-bodied hefty-beefy palate'.

- 1979 Krug, Peter Dominic £34.95, The Champagne House, 15 Dawson Place, London W2 £34.10, Henry Townsend, York House, Oxford Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks £32. Krug, the king of champagne, was easily voted the most majestic bubbly in this line-up. 'Rich buttery toasty flavour and gratifying finish' (RY). 'Classy, stylish... a great glassful of champagne' (JR). 'Excellent balance of yeast and fruit that really makes me sit up and take notice' (MA). Only JMQ was less star-struck: 'Good mousse and head, elegant flowery-biscuity nose, but a touch metallic'.
1979 Perrier-Jouët, The Champagne House £15.40, Fortnum & Mason £17.50, Wine Company, 11 Curzon Street, London W1 £15.42. Known as PJ to the trade and seen in all the best ice-buckets, this '79 is one of the choicest bubbles from a disappointing vintage. JMQ adored this 'very fine biscuity-brioche nose and delicious, brood, rich, toasty palate... I'd love to celebrate New Year with this'. RY enjoyed its 'toasty vigorous flavour'.
1981 Moët et Chandon Dry Imperial, Oddbins £13.95, The Victoria Wine Company £14.50. This 'fine, fresh flowery champagne' (JMQ) proves that quality can go hand in hand with quantity, for this firm is the biggest champagne producer in the world. MA liked its 'light style' that she felt was a 'seamy party drinker'; RY appreciated its 'soft, pleasant, characterful creamy flavour'. A bargain buy.

- 1980 Taittinger, Brut, Henry Townsend £16.30. 1980 was the year that most Champenois prefer to forget, but Taittinger's '80 is an admirable example of what can be done in a difficult vintage: 'big frothy-foamy bubbles, pleasant rich buttery nose and the same rich buttery palate' (JMQ). MA thought it 'well-made, interesting, plenty of guts'.
1982 Sainsbury's Blanc de Blancs Brut, Lizard Gontier, Sainsbury's £9.95. Similar to the Taittinger style with 'frothy-foamy bubbles' backed up by a 'pleasant light perfume... truly acceptable fizz' (JMQ). MA picked up a 'marzipan' scent but then noted 'too young, not together... quite well-made'.
1979 Piper Heidsieck Brut Roberts & Coopers £17.25. 'Bigish bubbles, contacted nose but chunky, full, burnt-toast taste, metallic '79 finish, palatable, OK with food' was how JMQ summed this one up. MA found this 'coarse, vinous, easy but harsh up front'.

- 1979 Boizel, Grand Vintage Auguste, 301 Fettes Road, London SW10 £13. Malmison Wine Club, 28 Midland Road, London NW1 £10.75. Definitely too young for this company: 'lovely rich flowery nose backed up by a young apple aspect... got it all there, just needs time' (JMQ); 'serious' (MA); 'very fruity' (JR).
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RECOMMENDED

- 1980 Bollinger, Grande Année, Oddbins £18.95, The Champagne House £18.35, Lay & Wheeler, 6 Colver Street West, Colchester, Essex £18.52. Streets ahead of the '79, '80 and '81 vintages this '82 is a good champagne; it just needs time to develop. MA astutely noted 'serious, big style for contemplation, not parties'. RY and JR were less impressed.
1979 GH Mumm & Co, Cordon Rouge Brut, Oddbins £13.75, Gough Bros £14.49. Previous bottles of this '79 have been raw and aggressive, but this obviously bottle-aged bubbly did surprisingly well here: 'Lovely aged positive green herbaceous Pinot-dominant wine - good with food' (JMQ) and 'good Pinot... powerful assertive biscuity flavours - must course champagne' (JR).

BORDERLINE

- 1979 Louis Roederer Brut, Henry Townsend £15.20, The Champagne House £16.36. 'Good mousse, rich golden colour, big fat yeasty nose and taste but let down by a dull metallic finish' (JMQ). MA found it 'soft, alluring, developed, well worn drinking'.
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THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole transforms the remains of the turkey into a classic meal

Ideas for left-over luxuries

Nothing less than transmogrification will do for the last carthy remains of the turkey. Goose and duck are so good cold that those blessed with leftovers count themselves fortunate. Cold game presents no disposal difficulties either. Its strong flavours stand up well to recycling in pies, pancakes, croquettes and hashes. Turkey is trickier, especially if it is even slightly dry through overcooking. My best sht with cold roast turkey is an adaptation of the classic Italian vitello tonnato. In the original, a speciality of Piedmont and Lombardy, slices of cold braised veal are layered with a smooth, tuna flavoured mayonnaise and chilled for at least 24 hours before serving. It is an excellent buffet dish and best served with a selection of simple salads. Another festive idea, this time for the stock made from game or poultry carcasses, is consommé dished out in dainty cups, but in small bowls topped with light puff pastry lids. The good smells trapped under the pastry are released right under expectant noses. Clear, bright stock for consommé results from long, slow cooking. If the stock is cooked at the gentlest of simmers - an occasional shiver on the surface of the stockpot - the liquid will need no more clarification than straining through a clean cloth. Reduce the stock by further simmering until the flavmur is strong enough, and interesting while it is still hot. Add seasonings and interesting additions to the basic soup might include Madeira, shavings of fresh or preserved truffle, or a little of the liquid used to soak dried cepes or porcini and, nr, small pieces of cooked poultry.



pastry will be golden and the soup inside piping hot. Serve at once.

- Tuna mayonnaise Serves eight or more
200g (7oz) tin tuna in olive oil
30g (1oz) anchovies
30g (1oz) capers
Juice of 1 lemon
250 ml (8 fl oz) light olive oil
300ml (1/2 pint) home made mayonnaise
Salt

Put the tuna, with its oil, the anchovies, capers, lemon juice and olive oil into the goblet of a blender or processor, and blend until smooth. Whisk the tuna mixture into the mayonnaise and add salt, if needed. Spread a little of this sauce over the bottom of a shallow dish and top with a layer of sliced turkey. Continue assembling layers of tuna mayonnaise and sliced turkey, ending with a layer of mayonnaise. There should be enough sauce for about 1 kilo (2 1/2 lb) of turkey. Cover and chill until needed.

Small pudding basins would be another suggestion. Divide the consommé between the bowls, plus any additions of wine, truffle or poultry. On a lightly floured surface roll out the pastry very thinly and cut out six circles which are a good 1.25cm (1/2 inch) larger all round than the tops of the soup bowls. Mix the egg yolk with the milk and use a little of this glaze to dampen the edges of the pastry circles. Lay the pastry over the bowls, pressing the edges firmly to seal them and taking care not to pull or stretch the pastry. Chill for at least 30 minutes. Brush the pastry tops with egg glaze and bake the soups in a preheated hot oven (225°C/425°F, gas mark 7) for about 10 minutes, then lower the heat to moderate (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) and bake for another 15 minutes, by which time the

Light post-Christmas pudding

- Mulled wine syllabub Serves 12 to 14
450ml (3/4 pint) red wine
110g (4oz) light brown sugar
Thinly pared zest of 1 orange
1 stick cinnamon
12 whole cloves
450ml (3/4 pint) double cream, chilled
300ml (1/2 pint) strained Greek yoghurt

Combine the wine, sugar, orange zest, cinnamon and cloves. Bring to the boil, and simmer until reduced to 250ml (8 fl oz). Remove from the heat and infuse overnight. Strain and discard the solids. Put the wine in a large bowl with the cream and whisk together until the mixture will hold soft peaks. Whisk in the yoghurt. Turn into individual glasses and serve chilled.

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THE ARTS

Meaning of life at eighty

The impression that the main use of television at Christmas is to show old films, of which there were 11 on Boxing Day, was dispelled by one outstanding documentary, *Laurens van der Post at Eighty* (BBC2).

TELEVISION

Last night we were reminded not only that Sir Laurens does not sound bawky when he talks about Jung (himself quite sane, albeit discredited, for those who have not read him, by his funny name) but that he talks well.

When he was small, his father gave him an abridged version of *The Tales of Troy*. Laurens started a game called *Greeks and Trojans*, and discovered that in a village in South Africa which was entirely ignorant of Greece and Troy, people yet fell naturally into one or other camp.

This makes him difficult to place. He does not take sides. He has been, among other occupations, journalist, novelist, explorer, farmer, soldier, prisoner of war and conservationist. Jonathan Stedall, who made the programme, must have had great difficulty deciding what to leave out, when there was less than a minute to go each year of a life containing material for a dozen books.

Andrew Gimson

Ivan, more terrific than ever

CINEMA

Ivan the Terrible (PG) The Boyars' Plot (PG) Everyman Hampstead

Sergei Eisenstein's *Ivan the Terrible* is one of those very rare films that grow only better with the passage of time. The first part was finished and released in 1944; *The Boyars' Plot*, the second part of the intended trilogy, was completed in 1946, but fell under official disapproval and was suppressed. It remained on the shelf until 1958, the sixtieth anniversary of Eisenstein's birth and the tenth of his death, and was finally released in Britain in 1960.

Ivan was one of a number of Soviet historical epics planned in the early Forties as wartime patriotic propaganda. The scenario was an extremely free and selective account of the reign of Ivan IV (1530-1584), concentrating on his achievements in unifying Russia, breaking the power of the boyars, and appointing a new meritocracy. The most dubious of his creations, the *Oprichniki* - a kind of combined praetorian guard, personal entourage and secret service - was shown as a distinctly ambivalent elite of favoured young zealots.

The Central Committee's strictures on the film, in fact, accused Eisenstein of "portraying the progressive army of the *Oprichniki* as a band of degenerates similar to the American Ku Klux Klan, and Ivan the Terrible, a man of strong will and character, as a man of no will and character, something like Hitler". Given the character of the times and of Stalin himself, *Ivan* seems, with hindsight, dangerously near the knuckle - with its subtle drama of power play and its portrait of a despot progressing into paranoia and using his elite corps to carry out purges of suspected enemies. In one horrific scene, Ivan advances towards a group of beheaded victims, crosses himself piously, and then snaps: "Too few!"

The two parts are alike in their rich visual texture, but different in narrative style. The first is a linear chronicle of Ivan's early career; the second is more dramatic in construction, rather like a Jacobean revenge play, with Ivan manoeuvring an assassination plot to turn

Eisenstein's unbeatable epic has been revived together, for the first time, with its suppressed second part. David Robinson welcomes it back and hands out his personal film plaudits for a generally thin 1986



Screen icon: the great classical actor Nikolai Cherkassov making eyes as Ivan the Terrible

back upon the pretender to the throne.

In both parts, however, Eisenstein's astonishing achievement - which makes the film just as remarkable after 40 years - was to create what is practically a new medium, a pure musical film, to meet the needs of his epic narrative. "We strove... to convey the sense of grandeur, to get away from the ordinary features of the hero and stress the tragic nature of his historic role." These aims determine the film's style, tempo and rhythm. The grandeur of the theme required monumental resources of design.

Prokofiev was Eisenstein's most complete collaborator. The contribution of the two is indivisible. Eisenstein recalled that sometimes Prokofiev devised the pattern and emotional structure of a sequence and he edited his film to it, while at other times, Prokofiev would mould the score to the images. Perhaps in no other film has music been so integral, underlying the speech and the choreography of the actors, moving close to ballet or

opera as a chorus brings in a commentary on the action, the old boyarina croons an eerie lullaby to her slippery son, the miracle play of the fiery furnace is chanted in the cathedral, and the *Oprichniki* perform a wild and menacing choral dance at the final feast of death.

The collaborative role of other members of the team was limited to realizing Eisenstein's own autocratic conception. The designers and cameramen were precisely guided by thousands of drawings in which he anticipated every composition, even camera movement, even the tilt of a beard or the direction of an eye. (Eisenstein managed to make every actor's eyes seem enormous, and directed every glance.) The great classical actor Nikolai Cherkassov was never fully reconciled to Eisenstein's method, his insistence on controlling the performance from outside the actor, shaping his body to make it part of the plastic composition and using his voice as an element in the musical score. Cherkassov's Ivan remains, for all that, one of the great screen icons.

Eisenstein had long been fascinated with the problems of colour, and in the last three reels of *The Boyars' Plot* put his theories to the test for the first and only time. With the film unit evacuated to Alma Ata in Kazakhstan, technical resources were limited and the results inevitably fell short of Eisenstein's ideal conceptions. The newly restored print showing at the Everyman, however, gives a better impression of the colour than ever before, and demonstrates Eisenstein's adventurous expressionist experiments.

Eisenstein was the complete inventor and creator. A man of awesome culture, in *Ivan* he summons to his own grand design influences as varied as Kabuki, Disney's *Snow White*, ancient icons and religious frescoes, opera, *The Gold Rush*, Wagner, Goya, Rublev and Repin. From a lifetime of intellectual, artistic, sensual explorations, he devises a compound of his own, an audio-visual experience and spectacle unlike anything else.

The only serious mark of age is the limited quality of the sound. If the Soviet studios were to re-record

the Prokofiev score with modern techniques (a perfectly practical undertaking) *Ivan the Terrible* could challenge comparison, as epic cinema, with any film of the intervening years.

Returning briefly from far-off 1946 to the vanishing 1986, this year has been dominated, as far as the cinema is concerned, by the phenomenon of Golan and Globus, the Israeli cousins. In 1986 every second cinema, at least, in the West End - and in a lot of other European cities too - changed its name to Cannon; and Cannon films were in production in practically every part of the western world. Meanwhile every financial paper carried articles speculating if and when the bubble would burst, and puzzled over Cannon accounting systems, while the cousins cheerfully protested their unalterable confidence, and went on hiring everyone who was anyone.

Apart from that, the year has mostly brought rewards for mediocrity. *Out of Africa* ran away with all the Oscars while Kurosawa's masterful *Ran* was passed over; *The Mission* took the Cannes Grand Prix from Tarkovsky's visionary *Sacrifice*. The best films of a generally thin year are so varied in theme, scope and origin that they defy direct comparison; so my contribution to the annual awards game is a personal Top Ten (in alphabetical order):

- After Hours (Martin Scorsese, USA)
- Ginger and Fred (Federico Fellini, Italy)
- A Girl of Good Family (Huangjiang Zhong, China)
- Hannah and Her Sisters (Woody Allen, USA)
- An Impudent Girl (Claude Miller, France)
- Miss Mary (Maria Luisa Bemberg, Argentina)
- Rond Midnight (Bertrand Tavernier, France)
- The Sacrifice (Andrei Tarkovsky, Sweden)
- Shoah (Claude Lanzmann, France)
- Sweet Dreams (Karel Reisz, USA)
- Best Debut: Bill Sherwood, with *Parting Glances*
- Best Literary Adaptation: James Ivory's *A Room With A View*
- Best British: Bill Douglas's *Comrades*, Derek Jarman's *Caravaggio*, Alex Cox's *Sid and Nancy*, Stephen Bayly's *Coming Up Roses*
- Most Demoralizing Film of the Year: Tony Scott's *Top Gun*
- Personality of the Year: Lillian Gish, who at 90-plus, and after three-quarters of a century in pictures, appeared in *Sweet Liberty*, and went on to play the main role in Lindsay Anderson's forthcoming *Whales of August*.

ROCK

Spandau Ballet Wembley Arena

During a six-year period that saw the likes of Adam Ant and Culture Club sprint to glory only to collapse in an abrupt finish, Spandau Ballet started their own New Romantic movement and plodded on like Aesop's tortoise to reach a secure point from which they can now sell out Wembley Arena five times over.

The sturdy artifice that they have constructed rests on the twin pillars of Gary Kemp's workmanlike songwriting and Tony Hadley's resonant, but rather pompous, singing style. However, these assets were not enough to mitigate the pronounced lack of inspiration that attended the band's approach to executing a live performance.

They led off with hurried versions of "Cross the Line", "Highly Strung" and "Only When You Leave", melodic stadium-rockers with a touch of wide-boy soul that quickly exposed the wooden touch of both Martin Kemp on bass and the drummer John Keeble, who played a large kit with a showy but entirely superfluous double bass drum.

Steve Norman, one of those average saxophonists who seem to think that the instrument should be played from the crotch, was noticeably under-employed, and apart from a bit of keyboard and vocal colouring from guest musicians, it was down to Gary Kemp and the gifted Hadley, who was in fine voice, to keep the ship afloat.

This they managed to do, but time and again the group's performance failed to match the very high standards of their records. Despite incisive lighting changes, "Cut a Long Story Short" suffered from elementary mistakes on the sound mixing board. "Chant No 1" missed the horn section and "Lifetime" was similarly uninspired.

The ungainly Hadley, stuffed into a pair of black leather trousers, always looked as if he was about to fall flat on his backside as he charged awkwardly around the stage, and that was precisely what happened during "Gold", providing a welcome moment of levity in an otherwise stodgy entertainment.

David Sinclair

Worthy successors to the Donizetti crown

OPERA

Lucia di Lammermoor Covent Garden

The lights may shine less brightly these days from Ravenswood Castle; the fire in Enrico's study has burnt low; the fountains no longer play in the wooded grounds. But the remnants of Franco Zeffirelli's production of *Lucia di Lammermoor*, coming up to 30 years old before long, can often be relied on to house some of the best bel canto of the season.

Sutherland and Bergonzi provided a remarkable partnership a winter or two back. Now Alfredo Kraus and June Anderson, appearing together for the first time at Covent Garden, are challenging to become an equally formidable Donizetti team.

It is never a quarter of a century, as Hilary Finch reminded us just before Christmas, since Alfredo Kraus made his Royal Opera debut as Edgardo. In the intervening years he has been heard all too rarely, so the chance of catching him while the tenor still has its sheen, with each phrase polished to maximum brilliance within the confines of a voice that has always relied more on its cutting edge than on sheer volume, is one to be seized.

He is careful not to release too much too soon. The Fountain Scene was a touch restrained. Michaelangelo Veltri, who began as an anonymous conductor before he had felt his way into the score, had



In Sutherland's footsteps: June Anderson as Lucia

not yet relaxed into the swaying rhythms of "Verrano a te", but Kraus can still make as dramatic an entrance as many a younger tenor to start the sextet, and the final scene of the opera is Edgardo and no one else. The plangency which is never far from Kraus's timbre is ideal for the religious melancholia of "Tu che ra Dio", and he ended both aria and evening with the voice sounding quite fresh enough to start the whole thing over again. There's pacing for you.

June Anderson, who has been teamed with Kraus in Donizetti before, notably in *La Fille du Regiment* in Paris and on record, drew security from the partnership. The shadow of Sutherland must haunt her, especially in this production, as the ghost of the girl murdered by the poverty-stricken but the stars, Anderson with a midnight blue gown and contrasting plaid and Kraus ever swift, scintillate in the murky Scottish Lowlands.

Anderson let forth some of those glittering runs of which she is so capable. Luckily she is here for a considerable number of performances and it is a reasonable bet that at the turn of the year she will be showing her best and most relaxed form - especially if Kraus is by her side.

Alberto Rinaldi, familiar from his Glyndebourne appearances, is the new Enrico, firm in timbre and delivery. Gwynne Howell's Raimondo is also sturdily sung, but too bland for this cleric who diverts Lucia from the course of true love in "Cedi, Cedi". The smaller parts were indifferently taken from a wimpish Arturo through a weak Normanno and Alisa.

The production may look poverty-stricken but the stars, Anderson with a midnight blue gown and contrasting plaid and Kraus ever swift, scintillate in the murky Scottish Lowlands.

John Higgins

Pilgrims' surprising progress

New World BBC1, tomorrow

At first sight the story of the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers and their arrival in America in December 1620 looks to be fairly unpromising stuff, dramatically speaking at least. Certainly Hollywood's various attempts to bring the opening chapter of the nation's history book to the big screen have largely turned out as dull, if as worthy, as the pilgrims themselves were always assumed to be.

It seems all the stranger then that it should have been left to BBC Wales to produce the first absorbing film yet on the beginnings of America, and for a fraction of what Hollywood would have spent on such an endeavour. *New World*, which gets its premiere screening on BBC1 tomorrow, was shot mainly on locations in sand dunes near Bridgend, the requisite Red Indian walk-on parts apparently taken by Peruvians from Deptford. The strengths of the production, however, are the performances of a cast which includes James Fox, Betsy Brantley, Bernard Hill and Joss Ackland, and a story-line which spins, among other things, adventure, romance, violence, intrigue and argument from the previously unyielding source material.

Writer William Nicholson shares the surprise at the lively



Mayflower man: Bernard Hill plays John Billington, leading the Strangers to get rich quick

tale he has come up with. "I thought that the story of the Pilgrim Fathers would turn out to be rather boring, low on conflict and high on hardship, and I didn't see much mileage in that. What I discovered by returning to the sources and getting the story from the horse's mouth, as it were, was that it wasn't at all as I had supposed."

The two details which intrigued Nicholson most strongly were firstly that half the passengers of the *Mayflower* were the so-called Strangers, people who were paying their way and whose

motivation was simply to get rich, and secondly, that when they arrived in America, the real Pilgrims, the so-called Saints, planned a communal state and did indeed put their plan into action.

The drama he has created from eye-witness accounts centres on the clash of values between the two groups. Partly because of the resistance they encountered from the Saints, and partly because of the dilemmas of increasing prosperity, the Saints eventually abandoned their attempts to live according to the model of the early

Christians. Nicholson, however, perceives the conflict of ideologies as an important legacy of America's early settlers to their descendants. "Out of that first collision has come the spirit, the character, and the style of modern America," he says.

Nicholson admits that he expects to get "some flak" when *New World* is shown in the United States. He refuses to accept what seems to be a likely comparison with either the BBC's *The Monocled Mutineer* or with Roland Joffe's box office success, *The Mission*. Perhaps all three in

their varying ways might be said to present views of the past highly coloured by their particular perspectives on the present.

"I wasn't trying to use history to make points about the present," he insists. "If you think about it, in telling any historical story we are selecting, and in effect, what we usually select are the aspects that we find most relevant to our current condition."

"I think with any of these dramas," Nicholson concludes, "it's also worth remembering what claims are made for them. At the start of *The Mission*, somewhat unfortunately I thought, there is a caption which says 'this is all true or something like that. And I think the same sort of bald claim was made for *The Monocled Mutineer*.' "We do no such thing, nor could we, for *New World*. The major incidents did happen, and that, I think, makes it all the more interesting, but, in the end, even the characters who have real names are largely invented because we have so very few clues as to what they were really like. That's a licence that everyone who makes a drama out of history, as opposed to making a history out of history, permits themselves, and is entitled to permit themselves. It's just important that you tell the audience what you're doing."

Simon Banner

Resurrection of comic energy

THEATRE

The Country Wife Royal Exchange Manchester

The recurring snag in revivals of Wycherley's comedy has been in the casting of its hero, Horner, a stallion of limitless appetite who has himself passed off as a cunuch so as to gain free access to the best wives in town.

It is a star role, and it has gone to star actors who, from Laurence Harvey to Albert Finney, have been unable to resist the temptation to appeal for sympathy. Spared by his author, Horner has been theatrically castrated by his actors.

He undergoes no such mutilation in Nicholas Hytner's production. No trace of charm, exquisite breeding, or generous feelings undermine Gary Oldman's treatment of Horner as a single-minded sexual machine. As a result, the comedy takes on a great charge of libretto buried energy. No time is wasted on looking for a moral centre of gravity; there is none. Everything is focused on the masterly display of knaves outwitting fools.

The production also breaks out of period so as to relate Wycherley's privileged hoodlums to those of *The Clockwork Orange*. Costume (by Mark Thompson) combines eighteenth-century silks and ribbons with Eric and punk fashion. Evring dress is worn with Bermudas and brass



Hair raiser: Cheryl Campbell as Mrs Margery Pinchwife

earrings. Jewel chains adorn the crotch. Women emerge from immense trains and bows to heads of spiked hair. Even the negro servant announcing Sparkish's arrival shimmies on in dark glasses with a walkman clamped over his ears.

Rock Baroque similarly dictates the music, which shifts between Corelli and Grappelli; and galvanizes the company into heavy beat pantomime between the scenes which

extend the action into public places. We do not only hear of trips to the theatre; we see the company caught in the cross-fire of a pastoral masque and *Berenice*; and after Horner's famously ambiguous "china" scene with Sheila Ballantine's Mrs Fidget, the episode expands into a full-scale china auction.

To match the new rathless Horner he has a really dangerous enemy in Ian McDiarmid's Pinchwife: first

seen as a rat-like scavenger, unshaven and dishevelled among the preening gang who bait him with their discovery of his appetizing wife. But he is a rat at bay; flinging himself down in house seats to address asides to the nearest spectator, and developing a homicidal frenzy as his horns start pushing through. In the end it is Horner's karate chops against Pinchwife's knife, and the comedy could have ended in blood.

Cheryl Campbell, as the cause of this feud, gives a hair-raising display of rustic innocence igniting like a bonfire. She has an extraordinary repertoire of growls, squawks, and involuntary sensual gurgles conveying each new discovery of the town's delights. But she still has her toys; talking out her frustration on a rag doll, and lining up a table full of soft animals for Pinchwife to dismember at the height of his fury. There are some great comedies that kill laughter stone dead.

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Raymond Keene



Public pleaser: Donizetti, seducing the audience in military style

will be no chance of seeing Alfredo Kraus still looking pretty good close to 60 years old in a pair of fawn Tyrolean pants...

lacked anything when it comes to bel canto. Fille is a two-singer work. The supporting cast is satisfactory...

Power and the glory

Evva-Liisa Saarinen and Jonna Hymanina, while the first two cantatas Oma Maa and Tula Synty, are both rare and fascinating...

If the La Salle's music-making is epitomized by absolute fidelity to the score, that of Lorin Maazel has something altogether more theatrical about it...

Sometimes, and especially in that vast first movement, the effect is slightly disturbing, as though Maazel were playing for the moment rather than the whole organism...

REVIEW

the Rossini parody trio 'Tous Les Trois Réunis'. Five years before La Fille du Régiment Donizetti managed to go straight to the public heart with Lucia di Lammermoor...

Wagner once complained angrily that he had a sleepless night because he could not get Postillon's melodies out of his head...

June Anderson turns up again as the girl who has to catch her man twice. There is no pretending that the role is not a par with that of Marie in Fille, although it does offer one bravura aria in Act II...

John Higgins

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Stephen Pettitt

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David Sinclair

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Richard Williams

Jumbled fantasies

PAPERBACKS

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Durrell described this novel (first published in 1968) as "the first deck of a double decker novel".

An Unofficial Rose by Iris Murdoch (Penguin, £2.95)

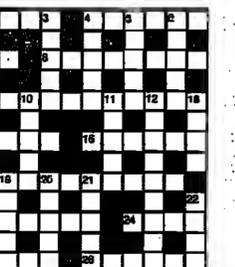
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Anne Barnes

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1140

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This year the once famous Hastings tournament, founded in 1895, has a generous new sponsor in the shape of Foreign and Colonial, and now top players are queuing up in complete form Monday. The participation of two members of our brilliant Olympic squad, who captured the silver medals in Dubai, demonstrates clearly that Hastings' fortunes are in the ascendant in the world stage.

Here is a sharp battle from Dubai between two of the favourites for top honours: White: Petrusson (Iceland); Black: Speelman (England) Modern Defence

NEW YEAR TELEVISION AND RADIO



FILMS ON TV
NO LADY: Dustin Hoffman in *Tootsie* plays a man with a problem: an actor who cannot get work. His solution is to dress as a woman and pass himself off as an actress, which he does so successfully that he lands a star part in a soap opera. Hoffman's drag act is richly comic but more than just a caricature. Jessica Lange (who won an Oscar) and Teri Garr lend strong support and the director, Sydney Pollack, plays Hoffman's agent. Made in 1982, *Tootsie* has its first British television showing tomorrow, BBC1, 7.50-9.45pm.



RADIO
LOOKING BACK: John Houseman won fame (and an Oscar) as the irascible professor in *The Paper Chase*. He was over 70 and it was his first big acting role. Before that he had a distinguished career as a producer, in Hollywood and on Broadway, while in the 1930s he set up the Mercury Theatre with Orson Welles and played a vital part in the preparation of *Citizen Kane*. He is also a splendid raconteur as he demonstrates in four conversations with Christopher Cook, starting on Radio 3, tomorrow, 6.50-7.15pm.



TELEVISION
GHOST WRITER: Hannah Gordon as Edith in *Day After the Fair*, taken from a short story by Thomas Hardy. Locked into a dry and bitter marriage to a wealthy brewer, she tries to experience romance at second hand by helping her filitratee maidservant write love letters to a dashing barrister. Shot in Salisbury and strongly evoking the rural England of Hardy's day, the production also stars Kenneth Hight, Ana Massey and, as the servant girl, a promising young actress, Sammi Davis. BBC1, Wednesday, 9.50-11.25pm.



TELEVISION
NORMAN CONQUEST: Norman Wisdom, with his crumpled suit, battered cap and fair for mayhem, was a top British comedian of the 1950s and 1960s. In films he may have been too reminiscent of Chaplin but he was a huge draw at the box office. As the old cancer patient in *Going Gently*, he made a successful transition to straight actor. *Just Wisdom*, a biography which mixes interview and dramatization, is today, 8-9pm, followed by his 1968 film, *The Night They Raided Minsky's*, 11pm-12.50am, both on Channel 4.



FILMS ON TV
STREEPWISE: Meryl Streep as the Polish girl in New York trying to live down memories of her wartime experiences in a concentration camp in Alan J. Pakula's conscientious and often impressive 1982 film, *Sophie's Choice*. Streep won her second Oscar in four years, but there is acting of equal force from the less well known Kevin Kline and Peter MacNicol as the men in Sophie's life. Handsomely photographed by Nestor Almendros, the film is having its first showing on British television. BBC2, tomorrow, 9.45pm-12.10am.



TELEVISION
THWARTED COP: Jeremy Kemp as the hapless detective Jack Slipper, in *Slip-Up*, a wickedly funny drama by Keith Waterhouse about the abortive attempt to extradite the great train robber, Ronnie Biggs, from Brazil in 1974. The expedition arose from a scoop by the *Daily Express* and developed into a comedy of errors as rival newspapers stabbed each other in the back and poor Slipper, who tried to maintain dignity in the face of chaos, was forced to come back empty-handed. BBC1, Tuesday, 9.30-11.15pm.

TODAY

● ● ● **GREAT EXPECTATIONS** (1946): A David Lean season opens with his finely crafted Dickens adaptation, superbly designed and photographed and with a gallery of rich characters including John Mills's Pip, Finlay Currie a Magwitch and Marita Hunt's Miss Havisham. BBC2, noon-1.55pm.

● ● ● **THIS HAPPY BREED** (1944): Noel Coward's homage to London suburbia, made before the British cinema had any genuinely lower class actors. Robert Newton, Celia Johnson and others do their not always convincing best. BBC2, 2.15-4.05pm.

● ● ● **IN WHICH WE SERVE** (1942): Heavily patriotic, immensely stylish tribute to the wartime Royal Navy. Written and co-directed by Noel Coward, who also plays the Mountbatten figure of the captain trying to lift his men as the ship goes down. BBC2, 4.05-6.55pm.

● ● ● **DR STRANGELOVE** (1963): Stanley Kubrick's brilliant, outrageous black comedy about the outbreak of World War Three which still rings alarmingly true. Peter Sellers has three meaty parts but the more restrained playing of George C. Scott and Sterling Hayden is equally effective. BBC1, 12.05-1.40am

TOMORROW

● ● ● **TWO-WAY STRETCH** (1960): Diverting British prison comedy with inmates Peter Sellers, Wilfrid Hyde White and company planning the perfect crime and new warder Lionel Jeffries getting in the way. BBC1, 10.55am-12.25pm.

● ● ● **REBECCA** (1940): Joan Fontaine as the shy bride living in the memory of husband Laurence Olivier's dead first wife. Gripping, atmospheric Alfred Hitchcock version of the Daphna du Maurier novel, with Judith Anderson as the creepy housekeeper, Mrs Danvers. Channel 4, 2-3.30pm.

● ● ● **THE RAILWAY CHILDREN** (1970): Lionel Jeffries again, making his directing debut with a nicely judged version of the E. Nesbit story of three children and their adventures in Yorkshire while their father is in prison. BBC1, 4.40-6.25pm.

● ● ● **TOOSE!** See top of page.

● ● ● **BEING THERE** (1979): Peter Sellers, in his penultimate film, realizing a long cherished role as an illiterate gardener who unexpectedly becomes a national celebrity. A gently ironic fable, not quite sure where it is going. Channel 4, 9-11.25pm.

Selection on the small screen

MONDAY



● ● ● **SOPHIE'S CHOICE.** See top of page.

● ● ● **BUGSY MALONE** (1976): Alan Parker's original and delightfully inventive gangster musical in which the guns shoot ice cream, the getaway cars are kiddy carts and all the parts are played by children. BBC2, 7-8.30pm.

● ● ● **NEW YORK, NEW YORK** (1977): Bitter-sweet romance between saxophonist Robert De Niro and aspiring singer Liza Minnelli in the Big Band era of the 1940s. Director Martin Scorsese is paying homage to the classic Hollywood musical while giving it a contemporary edge. The first television showing of the complete version. Channel 4 9pm-midnight.

● ● ● **MY DARLING CLEMENTINE** (1946): John Ford re-working the story of Wyatt Earp and the OK Corral into one of the great Westerns, a rich confection of conflict, poetry, humour and sentiment built round the Fordian themes of community and order. Henry Fonda plays Earp as a man of quiet integrity, out to avenge the murder of his brother. BBC1, 11.45pm-1.25am.

TUESDAY

● ● ● **BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI** (1957) marked director David Lean's transition from intimate British subjects to international epics. It was a huge critical and box-office success and won seven Oscars. Partly written by the blacklisted and hence uncredited Carl Foreman, it charts with intelligence and cinematic skill the psychological battle of wits between British POWs and their Japanese captors in a camp in Burma. Alec Guinness (above) gives a strong and finely measured performance as the anguished CO, Colonel Nicholson. BBC2, 3.50-6.25pm.

● ● ● **BRIEF ENCOUNTER** (1945): Noel Coward story of a glibly affair between a doctor and a middle-class housewife, sometimes derided for its understatement and clipped accents, but given emotional conviction by the playing of Trevor Howard and Celia

WEDNESDAY

● ● ● **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS** (1951) is a magical MGM musical built around the romance between a foot-loose American painter and a young French girl (Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, above). The climactic highlight is a 17-minute ballet for which each scene is designed in the style of a French painter, other delights include Kelly dancing over Oscar Levant's piano and a charming performance from the young Leslie Caron in her first film. Vincent Minnelli directs with style and verve. BBC2, 11.55am-1.45pm.

THURSDAY

● ● ● **THE FORBIDDEN PLANET** (1956): Handsome and ingenious sci-fi story loosely derived from Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Walter Pidgeon is the Prospero figure, conjuring up monsters, with Anne Francis in the Miranda role and Caliban turned into Robby the Robot. BBC1, 11.45pm-1.25am.

FRIDAY

● ● ● **IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD** (1963): Stanley Kramer's audacious attempt to mount the comedy to end all comedies. A massive compendium of frantic jokes, wild chases and piled-up cars and a cast that is a who's who of vaudeville, running from Jimmy Durante to Phil Silvers and Ethel Merman to the veteran Buster Keaton. BBC2, 11.30am-2pm.

● ● ● **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** (1971): Topical repeating his stage success as the Russian-Jewish milkman trying to find good husbands for his five daughters. Dignified directed by Norman Jewison, who stresses the realism of characters and setting. BBC1, 2-4.55pm.

● ● ● **LAWRENCE OF ARABIA** (1962): David Lean's huge biography which tries, and ultimately fails, to explain one of the most enigmatic figures of the 20th century. Written by Robert Bolt; intelligent central performance by Peter O'Toole; strong character playing by Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins and Claude Rains. The striking desert landscapes inevitably lose some of their impact on the small screen. BBC2, 4.55-8.10pm.

● ● ● **POLTERGEIST** (1982): Suburban California provides the placid setting for this clever horror piece from the Steven Spielberg stable, in which a young girl releases something nasty from her television set. Director was Tobe Hooper, best known for *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. BBC1, 10.30pm-12.20am. *British television premiere*.

● ● ● **WINCHESTER 73** (1950): The title refers to the repeating rifle which passes through various hands as James Stewart tracks down his father's killer. Fine, taut Western, one of a series of collaborations in the 1950s between Stewart and the director Anthony Mann. Channel 4, 10.30pm-12.15am.

● ● ● **THE PHANTOM LIGHT** (1934): Interesting low budget comedy-thriller, with the Cockney actor Gordon Harker as a lightning thief who is threatened by a gang of wreckers. The director, long before he was a name to conjure with, was a young Michael Powell. Channel 4, 12.15-1.35am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

● ● ● **MON ONCLE** (1959): Jacques Tati's accident-prone M. Hulot reappears as the uncle of a seven-year-old boy, trying to make sense of modern technology. Gentle, amused look at the technological age. Channel 4, 12.05-2pm.

● ● ● **STAR WARS** (1977): Powerful mixture of comic-strip heroics and dazzling effects which became the most successful film ever made. Proves that even in this cynical age there is still a place for the old-fashioned fairy story. With Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Alec Guinness. TV, 1.15-3.30pm.

● ● ● **MARY POPPINS** (1964): Julie Andrews in her triumphant film debut as the magical Edwardian nanny floating in on her umbrella to take charge of two naughty children. Clever use of animation; catchy songs. BBC1, 2.30-4.45pm.

Bowing out with classics and dramatics

RADIO

John Ford (the Jacobean playwright, not the man who made Westerns) is known almost entirely for one work, *The City of Dreadful Night*. Now Radio 3 has dug up another, *Love's Sacrifice*. As far as can be established, it has not been performed professionally for more than 350 years. The omission is repaired on Tuesday (7.30-9.30pm).

Using the Othello themes of jealousy and betrayal, it is the story of a duke's wife who is falsely accused of infidelity. John Strappell plays the duke, with Sian Thomas as the duchess and Anton Lesser as the supposed lover. The play has been adapted by an authority on Jacobean drama, the actor and writer, Brett Usher.

There is drama with a more familiar ring in the Radio 4 Afternoon Play, *Dear Brutus* (Fri, 3-4.30pm). J. M. Barrie's fantasy takes place in a magic wood on Midsummer's Eve and

TELEVISION

Casualty, a generally successful attempt to translate the *Hill Street Blues* format to a hospital casualty department, has its final episode tonight (BBC1, 9.25-10.15pm) when the night shift is threatened with the axe. Mrs Edwina Currie will no doubt detect anti-Government propaganda.

If you had to nominate the archetypal Channel 4 documentary, a good candidate would be *International Sweethearts of Rhythm* (Mon, 8.30-9pm). The Sweethearts were a 1940s jazz band, multi-racial and composed entirely of women.

New Year's Eve on Channel 4 has a television version of Wayne Sleep's multi-faceted stage show, *Dash* (7-8.05pm), and a long, sceptical look at *Beauty* (8.05-9.35pm), which takes in the art of the ancient Greeks, male strippers and Zandra Rhodes. The conclusion, not very original, is that beauty is

THE WEEK AHEAD

THEATRE

PINOCCHIO: Spirited pantomime Italian; engaging hero and joyful performances. Top choice for panto hunters. Theatre Royal, Stratford East (01-534 0510).

BREAKING THE CODE: Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Turing, computer genius and homosexual. Haymarket (01-930 9832).

WHAT ABOUT LUV? Three ill-matched lovers keep meeting on a New York bridge; witty musical version of Murray Schisgal's *Luv*. Orange Tree, Richmond (01-940 3833).

THE AMERICAN CLOCK: Arthur Miller's musical cavalcade of America since the Crash. A persuasive melody of the sentimental and the staid. National (01-928 2252).

NIGHT MUST FALL: Emyln Williams' first play still has its scary moments. Greenwich (01-858 7755).

ROCK

MARILLION: Initially branded as a poor man's Genesis, the quintet from Aylesbury converted a fanatical hard-core following into international success, with a series of intricately arranged albums. Tonight and Tomorrow. Maxwell Hall, Aylesbury (0494 86000); Monday, Tuesday, Royal Col

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(061 709 4321); Wednesday Barrowlands, Glasgow, (041 552 4801).

FAIRPORT CONVENTION: No Thompson or Swarthick, but Simon Nicol, Dave Pegg and Dave Mattacks are present and correct at the start of a 40-day tour for the old masters of folk-rock. Mon, Tues, Hill Moon Putney, London SW15 (01-788 2387); Wed, Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 257851); Fri, Leisure Centre, Leatherhead (0372 374109).

HARVEY & THE WALLBANGERS: This cabaret troupe opens a new show with the old formula; a light mélange of jazz, swing, doo wop and rock. Mon-Jan 10, Bloomsbury Theatre, London WC1 (01-387 9829).

JAZZ

GEORGE MELLY: The bewdy blues singer shares the bill with the proprietor's excellent quintet. Tonight and Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

DUDU PUKWANA: Perhaps the most distinctive voice among the small but significant band of expatriate South African jazz musicians, Pukwana's alto saxophone leads a vibrant outfit called Zila. Tomorrow, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-753 1150).

GALLERIES

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: Traditions and revels of the season, from the yule log to food, explained and excitingly displayed with riddles and games along the way. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-980 2415).

● James Heard, artist and art historian, has previously impersonated Holbein, Sennart and Gainsborough. This year he dons the garb of 15th century Florentine painter Paolo Uccello for his "Meet the Artist" event for children. Heard's hour-long performances are at 2.30 pm on Dec 29, 30, 31 and Jan 2. Admission is by free ticket. For details contact The National Gallery, London WC2 (01-839 3321).

HELLO DOLLY!

200 dolls dating from 1700 to the present, including a Victorian Christmas tableau and Queen Mary's dolls' house. The Museum of London, London EC2 (01-600 3699).

ELIZABETH II: Sixty years of paintings, sculptures and studio photographs of The Queen. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552).

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Just one opera evening this week on Tues at 7.30pm, the House's revival of *Lucia di Lammermoor*, with a last chance to hear Alfredo Kraus as the Edgardo (Dennis O'Neil takes over for the remaining performances), and with June Anderson in the title role. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight and Wed at 7.30pm the seasonal *Fledermaus* with Valeria Masterson doing sterling service as Rosalinda; on Mon and Jan 3 at 7pm *David Pountney's* sleazy new *Carman*, the scourge of every critic in sight; and on Tues and Fri at 7.30pm the serious stuff: a powerful double-bill of Janacek's *Cruel Fate*, and his *Diary of One Who Disappeared* with Arthur Davies and Jean Rigby. Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

FILMS

OPENINGS

A SUMMER AT GRANDPA'S: Two city youngsters spend an eventful summer in their grandpa's village. A gentle delight from Taiwan. Directed in 1984 by Hou Hsiao-hsien. ICA Cinema (01-830 3647), from Fri.

SELECTED

HEARTBREAK RIDGE (18): Hollywood's latest jingoistic extravaganza, with Clint Eastwood as a Gunnery Sergeant; he also directs. Warner West End (01-438 0791), Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527).

IVAN THE TERRIBLE (PG): Einstein's towering epic, revived in a new print struck from the original negative, with Nikolai Cherkassov as a ruthless 16th-century Tsar and wonderful music by Prokofiev. Everyman Hampstead (01-485 1529).

FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15): A Christmas revival of Ingmar Bergman's extraordinary film about the pleasures and pains of a Swedish household early in the century; semi-autobiographical, richly decorated, a feast for the eyes, mind and heart. Renoir (01-837 8402).



● Jean-Paul Belmondo plays the insolent cop pursuing the case of a Catholic priest found naked and dead on a Brittany beach in *Inspector Laverdure* (15). Claude Chabrol's sequel to *Coy au Vif*, with Bernadette Lafont, Jean-Claude Brialy, Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742) from Fri.

CONCERTS

WEBER BICENTENARY: The bicentenary of Weber's birth (probably Nov 18 1786) might have been expected to attract more attention during the past year, but, just in time to salute it, the Endymion Ensemble performs several of his most delightful works on Tuesday at the Wigmore Hall. A novelty here is Quentin Poole's mini-orchestration of *Invitation to the Dance*, and the other pieces are Weber's Flute Trio and Clarinet Quintet, the latter with Mark van der Wiel. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL OPERA: Personal/phone bookings this week for new production of *Norma* and *Die Zauberflöte*, with English subtitles. Feb. March. Also booking for Der Rosenkavalier. Royal Opera House, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

SOUTH BANK: Advance postal booking open for Feb. including John Ogdon 50th birthday concert, the Alternative Music Company in three comic operas, and *The Marriage of Figaro*. Also first British performances of works by Xenakis, Hans Gal and Andrzej Panufnik, with the composer conducting. Personal/phone bookings from Jan 6. South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

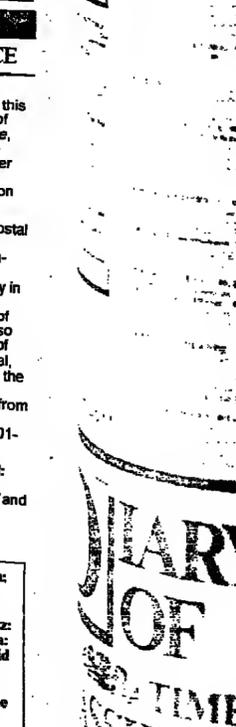
OLD VIC SPRING SEASON: Booking open for *Holiday*, *Henry IV* (1 and 2), *Henry V* and *Kiss Me Kate*. Jan-June. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-261 1821).

Concerts: Max Harrison: Dance: John Percival; Films: Geoff Brown; Galleries: David Lee; Jazz: Hilary Williams; Opera: David Smeaton; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingstons; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Opening a three-week season in its home theatre, this week's offering is *The Snow Queen*, David Bintley's treatment of the Hans Anderson story (Tues, Wed, Fri 8 Jan 9). Three other programmes to follow. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Peter Schaufuss's new production of *The Nutcracker* is given twice daily all this week, with different selections of the company's leading dancers at each performance. Season continues until Jan 27. Festival Hall (01-928 3191).



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Only a moral revolution can contain this scourge

I have delayed publicly expressing a view on the awesome menace of Aids now hanging like a monstrous medieval plague over mankind, despite pressures from within my community and beyond to make some authentic Jewish pronouncement. This is due not merely to the fact that most authoritative Jewish statements on the moral issues were made thousands of years ago.

The earliest sources of Jewish law and morality are quite unambiguous. The Bible brands homosexual relationships as a capital offence (Lev. 20:13), and excommunicates any sexual licentiousness as an abomination, whether in the form of pre-marital "harlotry" (Deut. 23:18) or of extra-marital adultery (Lev. 20:10). Equally stern are the warnings of national doom consequent on any defiance of these principles: the land itself will "vomit out" peoples violating these injunctions (Lev. 18:28-29).

My hesitation in adding a Jewish voice to the many religious and moral statements already widely publicized, and worthy of endorsement, has been accentuated by the uncompromising nature of these biblical strictures. The difficulties go beyond the dilemma of choosing between soothing platitudes and unpalatable truths.

I am still racked by doubts on how to react to such a horrendous threat, how to address an age not exactly attuned to the puritan language of the Bible, how to transcend the perplexities which baffle medical and government experts, and how to present deeply held convictions without causing offence, panic, or disdain for the very teachings I espouse.

There are questions to which I simply know of no categorical answers. Some

are practical: is it right to advocate "safe sex"? Or, should all citizens be subjected to screening tests to identify carriers, and if so, how is this information to be used? Some questions are theological: can a disease like this, patently discriminating against certain sections of society, be attributed to divine wrath, or shogther be adjudged in moral terms?

And some are purely human: how can one reassure without spreading complacency, warn without condescension or self-righteousness, and highlight the horrific without inducing immunity to shock by horror? Altogether, are habits and behaviour susceptible to change by moral exhortation, by publicity campaigns, or even by medical information?

Inscrutable as the answers may as yet be, and rudimentary as may be our understanding of the long-term effects of Aids and its spread, not to mention the prospects of halting its ravages, certain facts seem incontrovertible as a basis for some conclusions in the light of Jewish insights and moral principles.

Both at the individual and the public level, we are certainly never entitled to declare a particular form of suffering as a punishment for a particular manifestation of wrongdoing. We can no more divine why some people endure terrible ills without any apparent cause than we can comprehend why others prosper though they clearly do not deserve their good fortune.

Even less are we ever justified in being selective, subjecting some scourges to this moral analysis while exempting others (Aids, yes; but earthquakes or floods or droughts, no). There is no such simplistic relationship between evil and misfortune, if only because there are too

Immanuel Jakobowitz, the Chief Rabbi, discusses Aids and the deeper implications for society



many exceptions. According to Jewish exegesis, the prophet Isaiah had his lips scorched because he sinned in saying, "I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (Is. 6:5-6).

There is all the difference — even if the distinction is a fine one — between ascribing massive suffering to personal or social depravity as a divine visitation, and warning that such depravity may lead to terrible consequences. If I warn a child not to play with fire, and it ignores the warning and gets burned, the hurt is not a punishment but simply a consequence. If people recklessly indulge in infidelity and end up in the agony of a broken marriage, they suffer no vengeance; they simply pay the inevitable price for moral negligence or turpitude.

Public information campaigns should therefore be explicit and unequivocal: Aids is the price we pay for the "benefits" of the permissive society which, helped by the pill, liberal legislation and more "enlightened" attitudes, has demolished the last defences of sexual restraint and self-discipline, leading to a collapse of nature's self-defence against degeneracy.

An even greater price in human misery than deaths from Aids is being paid for

violating the imperatives of sexual morality: the devastation of the family, with millions of casualties, especially among young people driven to vice and crime by the absence of a loving home.

The provision of condoms, condoning and facilitating sexual irresponsibility, is therefore hardly the answer, even if they temporarily reduce the transmission of Aids. They would only increase the ravages of personal degradation and social disintegration. In any case, what has to be carefully weighed is individual safety against the erosion of public standards. The principle is illuminated in a striking precedent — Jewish law and thought must invariably search for guidance in earlier sources.

A leading 15th-century Spanish-Jewish scholar objected to the establishment of facilities for communally controlled prostitution to keep licentiousness from running wild — even if this objection meant failing to prevent married partners from committing the capital offence of adultery (as implied in the Ten Commandments, Judaism makes no difference between killing a person and killing a marriage). He argued that however culpable individual indiscretion is, its mitigation cannot be sanctioned at

the expense of the slightest public compromise with the Divine Law.

True, in Jewish law the saving of life overrides all religious precepts. But even this pro-life stance has three cardinal exceptions: forbidden liaisons, murder and idolatry are proscribed even at the cost of life. This, too, would seem to rule out recourse to any measures, such as condoms for unmarrieds, which would encourage indecent conduct, though the rule might be invoked to treat more leniently the distribution of clean needles for drug-abusers.

No less important than clean needles are clean speech, clean thoughts and clean conduct. What will be crucial is the cultivation of new attitudes calculated to restore reverence for the generation of life and the enjoyment of sexual pleasures exclusively within marriage. Nothing short of a moral revolution will in time contain the scourge.

The role of governments in achieving these objectives is admittedly limited. Morality cannot be legislated, nor can politicians and civil servants become preachers. But the administrators of our national affairs cannot remain morally neutral either, when the eventual cost may be counted in millions of lives.

Governments can help to refine human behaviour — for instance, by opposing any legislation liable to weaken the bonds between husband and wife or parents and children. Equally, governments can, by the careful use of language in official speech and documents, eliminate from the common vocabulary the kind of euphemisms or misnomers that make perversions acceptable. I think of words like "gay" for homosexual, "heterosexual" for normal, "safe sex" for

inadmissible indulgence, and "stable relationships" for unmarried couples.

The Jewish experience demonstrates that in the final analysis only spiritual power is invincible as a shield against lust. This is perhaps reflected in observant Jews, however addicted to smoking, finding the Sabbath prohibition against lighting a cigarette far more effective than the most alarming health warnings in securing complete abstinence from smoking for one day in seven.

They have also discovered that a conscience so trained prevails even in the most intimate relations between husband and wife: the religious ban on any physical contact for some 12 days in every normal month, regularly rejuvenating the marriage through an iron self-discipline, achieves more than the most skilled marriage counsellor could in regulating the rhythm of love and longing. Natural urges can be bridled in submission to a higher law.

What is needed, then, is a massive campaign mobilizing government resources and citizens of all faiths and of none to strive for moral excellence, to avoid the arousal of passions in literature and entertainment, to extol the virtues of fidelity, and to promote the utmost compassion for those struck by a hideous killer as a result of failings which may not be theirs but the society's into which they were born, and which to ennobise is the charge of us all.

Every action to promote these ideals has now become a lifesaving operation — including saving marriages as the sole legitimate origin of all human life.

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John Grigg advocates the fundamental reform of an honours system in which political corruption is now endemic

Time for Parliament to clean up the great British gong show

Twice a year a huge hand-out of titles and miscellaneous "gongs" occurs. The first of these for 1987 will be next week, when the New Year Honours list is published. It will contain, as usual, a few demotic touches — the odd figure from sport and the media — but these will merely distract attention from the list as a whole, which will be as archaic, confused, illogical and scandalous as ever.

Honours are given in the name of the Queen, and most of them are conferred by her personally at investitures. But the largest part of every honours list is drawn up under the auspices of the prime minister, so providing a formidable adjunct to the already vast patronage of the office, which most of its holders do not hesitate to exploit.

Financial corruption is one notorious aspect of the system, which some rather naive people appear to think more or less began and ended with Lloyd George. It was, of course, flourishing long before his time — even in the heyday of Victorian rectitude — and certainly survived the honours row in the last phase of his premiership.

Stanley Baldwin, who posed as his moral superior, continued the practice in a more discreet and hypocritical fashion, and others have followed Baldwin's example, though with varying degrees of discretion. There can be little doubt that the practice persists today, however artful the camouflage, since it is hardly to be supposed that the political establishment has become more scrupulous while standards of financial probity have, in general, been declining.

The Political Honours Scrutiny Committee has neither the will nor the resources to probe prospective honours lists with the thoroughness needed to trace pos-

sible connections between honours and the sources of party funds.

Too much, however, should not be made of the financial aspect, because far more serious is the political corruption inseparable from having such an engine of patronage in the hands of the prime minister. In an average honours list up to 20 per cent of knights bachelor are cited as receiving this high distinction for "political" or "political and public" services; that is, wholly or mainly for services to the party in power, and more especially to its leader. The recipients are backbench MPs, area chairmen, etc. A similar proportion of CBEs, OBEs and MBEs is awarded to party activists, and the number of Tory organization women who have received the rare honour of DBE is particularly striking.

Under Labour, political honours were for a time ostensibly dropped, but careful students of the lists could see that the disappearance of the citation "political" did not mean that honours were no longer being conferred for political reasons. Many were clearly attributable to no other sufficient cause, whatsoever the cosmetic citations.

So long as any prime minister has such a power to reward those who toe the line, or who make sure that others toe it, it is asking too much of human nature to imagine that he or she will not use the power. Political work is not, of course, inherently dishonourable. On the contrary, it is vital to democracy, and as such deserves recognition along with other forms of meritorious work. But the decision as to which politicians or political workers should be singled out for honours should not be left to the exclusive discretion of party leaders.

Whatever else may be said about the way honours are now distributed, it shows little sign of

being systematic. The whole business has become a mess and drastic reform is needed for that reason alone, quite apart from the argument about political patronage.

As well as the prime minister's list, which is always the largest ingredient, honours lists include a few other categories. The Royal Navy, the Army and the RAF each has its own list of awards. There is a list labelled "Diplomatic Service and Overseas", and various Commonwealth countries or territories have their own lists.

The lists also include appointments by the Queen in her own personal order, the Royal Victorian Order, though her patronage additionally extends to our two most glamorous orders of chivalry, the Garter and the Thistle, and to our most prestigious award for talent and achievement, the Order of Merit. These, however, are apparently considered too grand to appear in run-of-the-mill honours lists.

Among orders of chivalry the Bath (founded 1725) and St Michael and St George (founded 1818) are relatively up-market below the Garter and Thistle, certainly, but with a higher rating than the Order of the British Empire (founded 1917). The Bath is divided into a military division, which is monopolized by senior officers in the armed forces, and a civil division, virtually monopolized by the administrative civil service.

The Order of St Michael and St George used to be bestowed upon diplomats and colonial servants, but now, in the absence of the latter, goes to the former almost exclusively. Honours falling to fall into any of these few privileged categories have to make do with the Order of the British Empire, and most of their names and bewilderingly abbreviated citations are lost in the grey expanse of the CBE, OBE and MBE lists.

val innings ever compiled entirely in boundaries with his 44 against Tasmania last week. Of particular interest is his legside "mad axeman" stroke. It involves a complicated scything, hammering movement, followed by his own crashing fall to the deck in the manner of a stricken oak. His Tasmanian devilry is not his first piece of impressive hitting: he once scored 52 in 22 balls for Western Province against Eastern Province in Cape Town. The innings included a seven-ball period in which he struck six sixes. Statisticians do not record bow many times he fell over.

10,000 not out?
Sunil Gavaskar, the Indian batsman who makes Geoff Boycott look like a dilettante, will soon pass the mightiest statistical mile-



It seems quite absurd that there should not be separate categorization in the honours lists for areas of activity which, quite as much as the armed forces, are manifestly important: for example, the police, education, health, literature and the arts, manufacturing industry, voluntary work, entertainment, sport, etc. Without such a breakdown the gross distortions and inequities of the present system are disguised from the public.

How is it to be rationalized and reformed? The prime minister, cabinet secretary and Downing Street staff would obviously not have the time to do the job, even if they felt the urge to do it. It must, therefore, surely be entrusted to a high-powered body with this responsibility alone. The appropriate sort of body would seem to be a standing commission.

Its membership would need to be such as to inspire full public confidence. The commissioners should be people of exceptional distinction, proved integrity, and with varied interests; very well paid, of course, and *ex officio* appointed to the Privy Council if not already members of it. All

recommendations for honours, including those from the government, should be sifted and assessed by the commission, and special efforts should be made to encourage ordinary members of the public to write in with nominations.

Since the volume of work would be large, and a good deal of careful research and checking would need to be done, the commission should have a substantial and skilled staff. As well as considering claims made on behalf of individuals for recognition, it should devote itself to improving the system as a whole.

The range of its potential work may be indicated by a few suggested guidelines. Granted that the present structure of the lists is plainly ridiculous, with a very few occupational groups shown separately while most of the honours are lumped together, how should a reformed list be organized? How many, and which, additional categories should be brought into being, and what, roughly, should be the ration of honours for each? These should be the first questions considered.

But there are plenty of others.

The limited and invidious use of the Orders of the Bath and of St Michael and St George seems totally out of date and quite unjustified. Should they not both be open to merit of all kinds? And why, incidentally, preserve the division between civil and military in the Order of the Bath?

Should the Order of the British Empire have a future? It was created at a time when the British Empire was nearing its greatest extent. Should it not now follow the Orders of the Indian Empire and the Star of India into limbo?

It has always been anomalous in the sense that most of the awards in it were from the first for services at home rather than in the Empire. The case for phasing it out seems strong. The Bath and MG Orders could be expanded to fill the gap left by it. Existing holders of the BE could be given equivalent grades in the other orders, to hasten the BE's demise.

There are far too few top awards for women. The equivalent of a knight is a dame, but in an average list there are several dozen knights but fewer than half a dozen dames. Moreover there is no female equivalent of the category "knights bachelor". Dames have to be DBE, DCMG (in the Royal Household) or — very rarely — DCMG. There are no dames of the Bath. There is surely room for change here, more especially if DBE disappears along with the order of which it is part.

One vexed point is that, when a man has a title, his wife shares it, but a wife's title is not shared by her husband. The wife of a peer, baronet or knight becomes lady, but the husband of a peeress or dame does not become lord or sir. For that matter, the wife of a king becomes queen, but the husband of a queen does not become king. In this one respect women have the advantage; but in the rules governing inheritance of titles they are heavily penalized. Primogeniture operates with a pre-emptive bias in favour of male heirs, and most titles cannot be inherited by women at all.

Should there be hereditary honours? The case for abolition is powerful, but there is a fair case to be made on the other side. What is indefensible is the present situation, where the state recognizes hereditary titles that derive from the past, but is embarrassed about creating new ones. A clear decision should be taken on hereditary honours, one way or the other.

It has always been an awkward

feature of peerages that they are partly recognition of merit (in the case of first creations) and partly appointment to the second chamber of Parliament. Amongst life peers the title is the same whether conferred upon an eminent servant of the state at the end of his career, or upon somebody still relatively active, with the ostensible purpose of enabling him or her to make a contribution to the work of the second chamber.

The honours commission should be asked to consider this problem and might well decide that the only solution would be for members of a reformed second chamber not to have titles as such, but to retain their ordinary style (unless already a peer or peeress *honoris causa*), with the letters LP (Lord of Parliament) after their names. The inheritance of seats in Parliament, and the appointment of people to life peerages — with the right to sit in Parliament for life — should in any case be abolished, but that is an issue of parliamentary reform rather than reform of the honours system.

The Queen is theoretically the fountain of all honour, but she is also, in a real and practical sense, the fountain of a considerable number of honours, and the extent of her personal honours patronage need not be regarded as sacrosanct. The Victorian Order should remain under her direct control, since it exists for no other purpose than to reward personal services to the sovereign. But there seems no good reason why the Garter and Thistle should not be awarded on the honours commission's advice, and so placed on the same footing as the other orders of chivalry.

The OM is a borderline case, but since it is conferred upon outstanding citizens of other Commonwealth countries besides Britain, the head of the Commonwealth seems a suitable person to make the choice. On the whole, selections for it have been good.

One of the principal virtues of an honours system is that it provides a criterion of merit and prestige other than that of wealth. Without applying any kind of means test, the commissioners should make sure that relatively underpaid but particularly deserving individuals and groups receive at least their fair share of honours, and that the highest honours do not appear — as now — to be largely reserved for the highly paid.

Dream team

To win the pools is to give up the mundane details of existence (like work) and to start living the life of dreams. Paul Britton is a dreamer who has just won £200,000, and his greatest joy is that he will have all the time in the world to give to football. To Mangotsfield United, to be precise. Britton is unpaid secretary of Mangotsfield, second to bottom of the Premier division of the Great Mills League. Their average gate is less than 300. Britton, who is 33 and unmarried, will give up his job as engineer with British Aerospace in the New Year. Bristol Rovers, the nearest league club to Mangotsfield, were almost as quick on the draw as Britton was, and made an approach to him when they heard of his win. But they never had a chance. "I have decided to remain with Mangotsfield, give up work and give more time to them. They are a very friendly club."

Name game

It is important for a racehorse to have a good name. Northern Dancer, Nijinsky and Dancing Brave show across three victorious generations what a decent name can do. But when you own around 700 racehorses, you tend to run out of ideas. True, this is not a problem that curses everyone, but Sheikh Mohamed has found it a teaser. The owner of such horses as the nicely named Oh So Sharp has asked everyone involved with his racing empire to suggest names for his latest bunch of yearlings. And if the name

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Brass monkeys

Talking of thousand-quid hand-outs, I am sure that anyone who receives such a bonus will instantly declare it to the tax man. The prosecution of Lester Piggott for alleged tax discrepancies has sent a chill wind blowing through racing... a world in which cash (the poor man's credit card) still rules. Everyone in the game, from the mighty Lester down to the bumblebee stable-lad, knows that gratitude is traditionally expressed in folding stuff. They may call it, in their picturesque way, ponies and monkeys and what-have-you, but it is still money so far as the taxman is concerned. Now murmurs run through racing that the tax boys are planning to dig their way through the entire industry. There are fears that they will be overturning a veritable wagon-load of monkeys.

Heart of oak

John Emburey's batting style is worthy of study, as he showed when scoring the highest individ-

stone in cricket history. His recent score of 176 against Sri Lanka has brought his aggregate of Test runs to 9,748 — miles ahead of Boycott, in second place with 8,148. It would take an act of God to stop him passing 10,000, with two more Tests against Sri Lanka soon to be followed by five more against Pakistan.

Taking stick

One of the things that puzzles many people about golf is why they carry all those silly sticks about. So, someone wondered, why not take just one? It is called the Acma Super-stick. It is adjustable and has a telescopic shaft. It is a 1-9 iron: a standard wedge, sand iron, super wedge, overspin iron, loft putter, chipper and driving iron. It folds down to 2ft. The only snag is that it is illegal. George Wilson, secretary to the Implements and Ball Committee at the Royal and Ancient, said the design contravenes Rule 4-1a: "All parts of the club shall be fixed so that the club is one unit. The club shall not be designed to be adjustable except for weight." So the miracle club can't be used in competition. Ah, but a friendly round for the travelling man — that's the point, say the marketers. "You could use the end of your umbrella for a friendly round," says Wilson. "If they let you on the course." Yours for £369.

Green belt

A MORI poll has revealed the fascinating fact that two-thirds of the population see televised snooker at least once a year. There is one major field for speculation here: how do the remaining third manage to avoid it?

Not quite a new epoch

Events in the Soviet Union over the past fortnight have called forth whoops of joy from correspondents who at last had something worth reporting. They have also — less forgivably — brought a similar reaction from Sovietologists, who should know better.

The received truth is that in mid-December 1986 the new Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, won his liberal and reformist spurs. Singlehanded he freed Andrei Sakharov, sanctioned the frank and open reporting of nationalist riots in Kazakhstan, and courageously sealed the end of the Brezhnev era by approving an out-and-out condemnation of the former Soviet leader in *Pravda*, in the teeth of fearsome opposition from Politburo hardliners. Well, he did and he didn't.

The release of Sakharov is an event that justifiably inspires hope for the Soviet Union's dissenters. The news has not exactly been splashed on the front pages of the Soviet newspapers, but then that was never to be expected.

The reporting of the Alma-Ata disturbances is quite a different matter. The emphasis has been less on the fact of the unrest — unusual though that is — than on the frankness and speed with which the rioting was reported in the Soviet Union. The reports were a little tardy (24 hours and more) and, yes, there were a few casualties that the Soviet versions did not mention, but in general it was a commendable effort. Well done, Mr Gorbachev!

Mary Dejevsky on how to interpret the Soviet news

There is no doubt that for Moscow to report such an occurrence is a considerable step in the direction of more open reporting. However, that is all it is.

According to the official Soviet news agency Tass, "A group of students invited by nationalist elements... took to the streets of Alma-Ata to express disapproval of the decisions of the recent plenum of the CP of Kazakhstan Central Committee. Hooligans, parasites and other anti-social persons resorted to unlawful actions... They set fire to a foodshop and private cars and insulted townspeople... All enterprises, institutions, shops, utilities and city transport are working normally." This was the single account of the violence. There were of course no reports from the burning streets of Alma-Ata. In Kazakhstan itself the press said nothing about the rioting.

Along with wanting to give an impression of openness, the Soviet leadership had a reason for establishing the existence of dissatisfaction in Kazakhstan. It needed to justify the unpopular appointment of a new first secretary there. By depicting the rioters as parasites and hooligans, not a single taboo in the Soviet canon was breached. The view was

established that strong rule from a good ethnic Russian boss was needed if undesirable elements were not to gain the upper hand. Similar qualification must be applied to the "epoch-making" condemnation of the late Leonid Brezhnev on the front page of *Pravda* on December 19. It was not in fact a thoroughgoing condemnation.

The first part described Leonid Ilyich's early life; the second his achievements as general secretary in the 1970s, when the Soviet economy was making progress. Only in the third part, on his later years, did the article speak of the stagnation he allowed to develop, the laxness in public life, and other evils infecting Soviet society. The fourth part spoke of the new energy needed in the post-Brezhnev age.

As well as offering justification for the changes that Gorbachev is introducing, the article provides one of the first reasonably balanced assessments of a former Soviet leader to have come out of the official media. As such it is indeed a mark of progress. But you need to read the article, all of it, to find that out. Tass kindly transmitted it in full, in English — but by then everyone was making comparisons with Nikita Khrushchev's 1956 denunciation of Stalin. The point to be made was precisely the divergence between the two modes of condemnation, between Khrushchev and Gorbachev, between the 1950s and the 1980s. But that, sadly, was ignored.



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THIS SPORTING LIFE

While 1986 has had its sporting heroes, like Nigel Mansell in motor racing, Lloyd Honeyghan in boxing, or the Australian Greg Norman in golf and the new American world heavyweight Mike Tyson, the sporting world in general and our corner of it in particular, should come under closer scrutiny next year. Team games especially, all too often reflect such unappealing qualities as greed, mediocrity and the cynical spirit of the professional foul.

It is increasingly difficult to claim, whether one is a parent, a headmaster or a member of the Sports Council, that sport offers us a laudable demonstration of how we should lead our lives. This is particularly unfortunate at a time when traditional educationalists are striving to resist the sharp decline in team and competitive sports in state schools brought about in defence to left-wing ideology.

Cricket has not been without its crises in recent years, both on and off the field. Even Lord's, headquarters of the game, has been faced by problems of public behaviour on the one side and the contemporary addiction to success on the other. It has just appointed an England team manager (after seven consecutive defeats and unending fruitless tours) — and must feel encouraged by the better news from Australia. But the game's administrators remain chronically inhibited by their decision over the conflicts between traditional amateur principles and a wholly professional environment. A faint nostalgia for English cricketers still, fanned by the film *Chariots of Fire*, yet commercialism has re-written the rules and changed the boundaries.

Rugby is in an even greater state of flux than is cricket. France exposed this year the continuing amateurishness of England's game — best exemplified by the selection of non-athletic forwards. This was further demonstrated by the notably athletic Australian side which benefitted from the astute coaching of Alan Jones. But should one be wary of change? The International Rugby

Board has lurched guiltily towards the professionalism which cannot be fended off for much longer. More honestly, international tennis, encouraged by British representatives — even if Britain has no top quality players — has been pressing the International Olympic Committee to accept and rationalize the inevitable: open professional Olympics.

It is said that amateurism should be everywhere so beleaguered. But if the pressures towards professionalism are genuinely irresistible, then they should be surrendered openly and cleanly rather than surreptitiously — by degree. Tennis long ago recognized that it is no good Twickenham pretending international rugby is something which it is not. This merely retards the development of the standard of play without retaining the real moral advantages of genuine amateurism.

Much more alarming in Britain however is the unchecked growth of thuggery: a situation epitomized by the scorn occasionally poured on referees when they try to stand up to it, and by the civil prosecution of David Bishop, resulting in a suspended prison sentence. Mr Bishop has too many in-house defenders for rugby's comfort. Indeed, an instinctive defence of miscreants in sport is widespread. There is an unfortunate tendency to assume that if the sporting offender is good enough, an excuse should somehow be found for him.

English football finds itself in a multiplicity of quandaries: how to control hooligans, how to return legitimately to European club competition, whether to restrict artificial pitches in the League, and how to restrict the surge of our best players towards lucrative overseas contracts. The Football League has myopically rejected Mrs Thatcher's demand to control travelling supporters with the help of identity cards. The Football Association is, as ever, equally hesitant. Fifteen years after Leeds were permitted to establish new depths of unsporting behaviour, that club's supporters are uncontrollable. Yet when the police banned them from an FA Cup tie at Telford, the FA touted the match

around to alternative grounds instead of enforcing the simple solution: disqualify Leeds from the Cup.

In the World Cup in Mexico, England's manager moaned about an illegal goal by Argentina, thereby camouflaging the modest quality of his own team. Yet it was a further cause for sadness that Maradona's handled goal was not uniquely unfair: it was the face of contemporary football.

Expediency rules, and nowhere more than in boxing. Mike Tyson is possibly the hardest, most frightening puncher in the history of the sport. Commercial British interests are concocting an argument for putting into the same ring next year pleasant Frank Bruno, who has a retina defect corrected by surgery and was comprehensively defeated by Tim Witherspoon, who himself has since been obliterated. The progenitors of this plan should be required to think again before proceeding with what looks alarmingly like a mis-match.

Purity in sport tends to lie nowadays with the lone rangers of individual disciplines: Steve Redgrave in rowing, Jeremy West in canoeing, the Blacks, Crams and Coes of athletics, competitors whose international achievements are initially self-motivated and unfinanced. The rewards in team games are too often destructively disproportionate. How can the good, honest professional in football, of whom there are still many, justify a situation in which Lawrie McMenemy is paid £166,000 a year as manager of a struggling second division club at Sunderland?

Such rewards reflect the unrealistic and distorted values which infect too much national and international sport today. Too many in top sport take more than they give. At best they are inspired by a spirit of commercial showmanship, at worst by unqualified self-interest. Sport was once a refuge from such values, but it can no longer be held up as an alternative model of the way we should live our lives. We look to it for good examples of social behaviour which might influence our rising generation, but too often find only bad ones.

FOURTH LEADER

The art world is agog at the news that a computer has revealed, at any rate to the satisfaction of its programmer, that the two great mysteries of the Mona Lisa (the identity of the sitter and the meaning of the enigmatic smile) have yielded to science: the subject was Leonardo himself, dressed in women's attire, and the smile on his face doubtless indicated his satisfaction at the great trick he was about to play on the world.

The discovery gives an entirely new meaning to the term "drag-artist", but that is by the way. We have to ask, as we seem to be asking more and more these days: where will it end?

Any minute now there will be evidence that when Galileo dropped the stones off the Leaning Tower of Pisa he was giving an exhibition of juggling, and dropped them by accident. After that, the song the sirens sang (which reminds us that Achilles hid himself among women — who was he

pretending to be?) will not only be identified but climb to top of the pops. Then someone else will cause pi to recur, and eventually the crew of the *Mary Celeste* will turn up and say that they had only popped out for five minutes and didn't realise how the time was going by. Finally, another computer will discover that Shakespeare wrote the works of Bacon.

Leave us our mysteries, we have few enough remaining, after all. What good will it do us, when we next visit the Louvre, to start peering at the Mona Lisa to see whether she needs a shave? Or imagine the feelings of Captain Boyle if, when he murmurs "what is the stars, what is the stars?", some interfering busybody tells him. And indeed, though we devoutly believe that there is a crock of gold at the end of the rainbow, we shall not risk disillusion by going there to check up.

"Happy the man who has found out the cause of things" sang Virgil; it serves him right

that the line is now the motto of the London School of Economics, where some would say that over the years they have found out more than is good for them, or for us either.

As for the four great riddles of the Book of Proverbs, they have, of course, long been solved; the way of an eagle in the air and of a serpent on a rock are analysed in detail by Sir David Attenborough; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea is no mystery to the contestants in the America's Cup; and when it comes to the way of a man with a maid, there are plenty of mail-order booksellers who will, for a modest sum, send an explicitly-illustrated solution of the problem, under plain cover, to anyone over 18. And now it is the turn of the Mona Lisa to give up her — or we suppose it must now be his — secrets.

Who fished the murex up, asked Browning; what porridge had John Keats? We don't wish to know that.

assumption, by a deep-seated unconscious need to feel totally independent) but in the reasoning that informs and underlies my judgement that I shall make this choice rather than that.

The conclusion that I would uphold is that we are right to judge persons as well as acts as "bad", though with the important qualification that the knowledge on which we base our judgement is necessarily limited, sometimes very limited, and with the no less important rider that we ourselves might well, under certain conditions, perform acts that we would judge intolerably bad.

Yours faithfully, A. V. C. SCHMIDT, Balliol College, Oxford, December 17.

flow of knowledge which we have used in the past is to organise joint conferences for head teachers and industrialists as a starting point for practical initiatives. The Engineering Careers Information Service plans to run a number of such events in 1987 and it may be that one venue should be York.

Yours faithfully, JOHN TOMLINSON, Head, Engineering Careers Information Service, 54 Clarendon Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, December 17.

Industry and pupils From Mr John Tomlinson Head Master, St Peter's School, York (December 17), chides industry for neglecting to keep in touch with schools about the careers opportunities on offer. May I point out, however, that in the engineering industry an organisation was set up 10 years ago for this very purpose. One way to impart a two-way

Lick and promise From Professor H. H. Huxley Sir, Readers of Sir Francis Avery Jones's admirable letter (December 20) on the healing powers of saliva may have been reminded, as I was, of Christ's successful treatment of the deaf and dumb man beside the Sea of Galilee (Mark vii.33) and of the blind man at Bethsaida (Mark viii.23). Even the imperial spine of *Vespasian*, if we trust Tacitus (*Historiae* iv.81), achieved remarkable results.

Yours sincerely, H. H. HUXLEY, 12 Denton Close, Cambridge, December 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Planning to more effective purpose

From Sir Peter Lazarus Sir, As a recently retired permanent secretary of the Department of Transport I am continually told by my friends that I and my colleagues were culpable because we always failed to provide sufficient transport infrastructure (particularly roads and airports) and that was usually late. I agree.

The main reason was the overall planning system, which takes much too long and which demands a degree of certainty about estimated demand which means that, faced with local objections, we played safe by underestimating what was really needed.

I therefore write to urge that Mr Geoffrey Rippon's proposals in his article of December 22, which I wholly support, ought also to cover transport.

I suggest that the first step should be for Parliament to approve the national strategy. Inquiries about particular roads or airports should then deal with the local issues but only those. Otherwise we shall just go on hampering industrial success by denying to users the transport infrastructure they need and have — at least for roads — already paid for.

Yours faithfully, PETER LAZARUS, The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1, December 22.

From Mr Theo Burrell Sir, Geoffrey Rippon in his article is right about the problem of

Strains on the older surgeon

From Mr R. C. Shepherd and others Sir, The recent publicity surrounding the General Medical Council's reprimand of Mr Weale, a consultant anaesthetist who failed to provide adequate care for a patient with a ruptured abdominal aneurysm (reports, November 20, 21; leading article, November 27; letters, December 12) draws attention to an underlying problem that is really at the root of the matter.

In 1984, over 7,000 people in the United Kingdom died from aortic aneurysms and nearly all of these would have been ruptured aneurysms, demanding a competent trained vascular surgeon at the operating table. For a surgeon under 50 it is a challenge, from 50-60 it is a long and stressful operation, but over 60 it becomes an increasingly heavy burden.

As four of the earliest, and therefore the oldest, surgeons appointed to a district general hospital with an interest in peripheral vascular surgery, we are concerned for our colleagues and ourselves, who without the benefit of a senior registrar and often on a rota of 1:2, or 1:1 for vascular surgery (quite apart from 1:3 or 1:4 on general surgical call), are expected to continue this until retirement age, (65 if you reach it unscathed), or leave early.

There is no "half-way house" of being allowed to shed the feeling of always being on-call and being expected to answer it at any time, even on Christmas Day; nor is there any recognition of what at present is the considerable difference in emergency input between the "general" and the "vascular/general" surgeon.

The possible solutions must await the future, perhaps the promised but never achieved consultant expansion will occur. Perhaps peripheral vascular surgery will become a separate specialty, but clearly only if adequately staffed. Vascular surgery is still regarded as a part of general surgery, but should it continue to be so?

In our opinion, the recent sad event shows that it is time that this problem of the older, and we admit it, ageing surgeon, is tackled by those still young enough to do so before the same fate overtakes them and a worse fate overtakes their patients.

Yours faithfully, R. C. SHEPHERD (Poole General Hospital), C. M. VICKERY (Royal Cornwall Hospital), R. G. ROTHINE (Royal Berkshire Hospital), J. FAIRGRIEVE (Cheltenham General Hospital), Poole General Hospital, Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.

Cost of tension in family life

From the Principal of the National Children's Home Sir, Digby Anderson's article (December 10) on the recently published divorce figures for 1985 criticises the advocates of "easy, simple, cheap, and pleasant divorce". Anyone who has experienced divorce, or who works with the adults or children concerned, knows that divorce is very rarely any of these.

Marital breakdown is not caused by "easy" divorce; changes in the divorce laws have, if anything, been a response to increased marital breakdown in an effort to minimise the pain and misery involved in the families concerned. But a far more coherent response is vital if real action is to be taken to tackle the rising tide of family breakdown.

The single most important innovation would be nationwide mediation and conciliation services, attached to courts and independently run by voluntary organisations. In those areas where such services do exist a considerable proportion of those contemplating divorce change their intention after entering into reconciliation procedures. For those who pursue divorce proceedings, conciliation procedures enable more amicable arrangements to be made concerning custody and access of children. Funding such a nationwide service would cost a fraction of the present financial and social costs of divorce.

The speedy introduction of family courts in this country is equally important. The present adversarial style of proceedings is totally unsuited to family matters and often results in increased bitterness between parents, to the great detriment of the children involved.

More generally, but in the long term more pervasively, continuing high levels of long-term unemployment amongst those with children is far more destructive to family life than the ease or otherwise of divorce laws. The 1,250,000 children living in families where the chief wage earner is unemployed are seriously affected by the inevitable loss of self-esteem and rising tensions in family life which long-term unemployment engenders.

Let us not put the blame on legislative arrangements when the true causes and important remedies lie elsewhere.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL NEWMAN, Principal, National Children's Home, 85 Highbury Park, N5.

From the Reverend D. J. Brecknell Sir, Mr Digby Anderson draws attention to the suffering of children caused by the divorce of their parents and criticises the increasing ease with which divorce can be obtained.

Would it also be useful to question the ease with which marriage can be contracted, especially between partners still in their teens? Statistics indicate that a marriage between young people is more likely to end in divorce than one between those who marry later.

One simple reform would be to return the age of majority once again to 21. Then those who wish to marry under that age would require the written consent of parent or guardian before their marriage could take place. This would remind them and us that marriage is not a private contract, but of concern to the family and to society as a whole.

Yours faithfully, D. J. BRECKNELL, Saint George's Rectory, Wyke Road, Chichester, West Sussex.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 27 1854

The Surrey Theatre in Blachfriars Road, London, had a chequered career. It started as a riding school in the 18th century, which explains its capacity to house 0 or just as well. In 1782 it opened as a circus, and subsequently staged opera, ballet and plays.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIMES

A visitor to the Surrey on Boxing-night has the advantage of a duplicate interest — in those who come to see, and those who come to be seen. It would be delusive to suppose that the actors are heard, and as delusive to imagine that the three or four thousand people, wedged together in the densest possible masses, are only seen. The management, therefore, with a true appreciation of the prevailing taste, usually serves up some stock piece (concerning which the most infinitesimal curiosity is never exhibited), to induce an evaporation of the more noisy excitement, and to prepare with comparative decorum for the grand attraction of the evening, the Christmas pantomime.

A custom so convenient was duly observed in the Surrey as the bills declares, the favourite drama of *The Foundling of the Forest* was presented; but no one, unacquainted with the merits of so sounding and dramatic a title, was likely to score it as a favourite in his or her recollection. There was an insuperable difficulty to the appreciation of the piece, for though several gentlemen, dressed in the most elaborate fashion, a Chasseur-Britannique, an assassin, a non-descript officer, a full-plumed villain, and Polonius, were most vehement in action and energetic in speech, the tones of a sweltering pit, not yet shaken into tranquility, were far too vehement and energetic to permit of many consecutive sentences reaching any of the audience. Of course, it is a compliment to call them an audience, and to address them as such. The action was intelligible enough. There was the venerable villain, whom the oldest playgoer knew in his youth, and the persecuted hero of doubtful paternity, and the protecting female of uncertain age. The hairbreadth escapes and desperate hand-to-hand encounters were not omitted, and somehow virtue triumphed at last. It seemed to be a considerable relief when virtue did triumph. Gentlemen in the pit resumed their wastecosts naturally, and to some extent to the replenishing of flat bottles and the reckless purchasing of oranges for their fair and warm companions. Knots of oppressed individuals made a gasp for relief by standing on the benches, and here and there, constantly recurring, yet never seeming to lead to any disagreeable consequences, were pugilistic matches, worthy in scientific display, of the warmest admirers of Seville-house. Ladies disremembered themselves of their bonnets, and screamed lustily when stout men were passed over their heads or thrown unreservedly upon them. The demands for "porter" and "order", were about equal, though the former only was laudably attended to by a persevering potboy of compressible qualities. When the orchestra had been assisted through the overture by the shrillest of whistling of the "Whistling in the Garden" and "his Dinah", a complete change as if by magic, more potential than harlequins, came over the spectators. They sat themselves in regular layers, instead of confused heaps, and positively observed a modified silence. It was clear they had come to see the pantomime, and considered all preceding matters purely preliminary if not ingenious inventions to postpone their pleasure that it might come upon them with a keener zest. Suddenly there was a quiet, well-conducted audience, and well were they rewarded by a most gorgeous and patriotic pantomime, under the title of "Hartigan and Little One Eye, Little Two Eyes, and Little Three Eyes; or Beans and Beansies: Mr. Shepherds and his Wife's Journey into Grim's Household Story into an excruciating funny representation of the person and life of the Czsr. King Vseslavgorodoloua was not to be mistaken, even before abandoning the bear's head and assuming those speaking mustaches and expressive boots.

And as for gorgeousness of scenery, much as the Surrey has ever exceeded the satin boudoir of the Island Queen and the Regal Palace of Beauty, where the transformation is effected. Then, indeed, the enthusiasm of applause reached its climax, and seemed scarcely satisfied with the entrées and acknowledgments of Mr. Shepherd. It would be unkind to remove an atom of the charm and novelty, which by a judicious silence, may for some time rest on all the quips and cranks, the fun and fancy attending the reveals which succeed. It is scarcely necessary to add that there was a dazzling dénouement at last, and, if it came late, it still seemed to come too soon for many of the delighted and vociferous spectators.

In Christ's name

From the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches Sir, It is regrettable that your correspondent Jessica Douglas Home, (December 19) should seek to use a document discussed but not accepted by the British Council of Churches to establish its attitude to those imprisoned for consciences' sake in the Soviet Union.

A better indication is to be found in the action of the BCC delegation to the USSR earlier this year, led by the Archbishop of York and the President of the Baptist Union, which raised this issue of prisoners of conscience both with various church leaders and with the officers of the state committee for religious affairs. One person for whom representations were made was Irina Ranshinskaya who happily arrived in this country for medical treatment last night.

This represents the consistent stand taken by the BCC for the full implementation of human rights in the Soviet Union as in every other country.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP MORGAN, General Secretary, British Council of Churches, 2 Eaton Gate, SW1, December 19.

Human face of law

From Mr John Bate-Williams and Mr Ian Ashford-Thorn Sir, For those of us with receding hairlines, a horsehair wig provides warmth and comfort in court. If the Lord Chancellor decides to adopt Mr Ludovic Kennedy's suggestion (December 22) that wigs should be abandoned, may we make one final plea? May we wear them until the spring?

Yours faithfully, JOHN BATE-WILLIAMS, IAN ASHFORD-THORN, 1 Temple Gardens, Temple, EC4.

people who live in the noise footprint areas close to airports. It is an emotional appeal by a small minority to say "it would be sick logic to use the improvement that has taken place as a reason for increasing the number of night flights".

It is a great misfortune that an offended environmentalist is an instant voter against the decision-maker, whereas long-term strategic decisions affecting airports and aircraft that use them are slow to attract voting support. One can only hope that Ministers responsible will not make decisions that will result in future noise reduction being at the very least shared by those benefiting from it and the users and operators of aircraft and airports.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD P BOTWOOD, Director-General, Air Transport Users Committee, 129 Kingsway, WC2.

Aircraft noise

From the Director-General of the Air Transport Users Committee Sir, Your Air Correspondent's article, "Whispering through the ground barrier" (Spectrum, December 18), discusses the balance between environmentalists' understandable dislike of all aircraft noise and what should be done in the way of phasing out older and noisier aircraft together with what, if any, restrictions should apply to newer and quieter aircraft.

The huge aviation industry in this country is vital and desirable to all of us. Vital to business men wishing to export, vital to overseas industrialists wishing to invest here and create employment, desirable as a simple and fast way of travelling long distances for leisure purposes. The hardware of its activities — airports and aircraft — are vastly expensive and efficient

Aids as moral issue

From the Chairman of Islington Health Authority Sir, The Government and local health authorities are now moving to combat the spread of Aids in Britain.

My own authority recognized the early warning signs of Aids and directed resources towards the appointment of an adviser who has the responsibility for alerting local schools, educational establishments and factories.

It is all the more distressing that the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Reverend Hugh Montefiore, found it necessary to say (report, December 16) that the Church of England is "advocating chastity, not because we are moralising, but for practical prevention".

In public life we are all in the business of prevention, but should not the Church go further and advocate chastity both for reasons of "practical prevention" of Aids and to protect the sanctity of the family? Moralising is a responsibility spiritual leaders should not avoid.

Yours faithfully, ERIC MOONMAN, Chairman, Islington Health Authority, Whittington Hospital, Highgate Hill, N19.

Short of a name

From Mr Basil Boothroyd Sir, The acronym is the darling of our age. One wonders how, compressed into their unpronounceable initials, such backward bodies as the British Kinetograph Sound and Television Society (BKSTS) or the Cambridge University Rugby Union Football Club (CURUFC) get into a conversation, let alone a headline.

How many takers would there have been for the State gambling machine, trotted out at its full length of Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment?

Your leader (December 13) on the new nationwide computer installation for the police, reveals an ingenious touch of official whimsy. The thing is apparently called Holmes, for Home Office Large Major Enquiry System. No use yet of any back-up from Watson (Wis Against Terrific Spate of Nefariousness).

It could be needed. Moriarty, or Malefactors Operating Ruthlessly in Arson, Rape, Theft and You Name-It, still lives.

Sincerely, BASIL BOOTHROYD, Peeters, Church Street, Cuckfield, Sussex, December 13.

Lick and promise

From Professor H. H. Huxley Sir, Readers of Sir Francis Avery Jones's admirable letter (December 20) on the healing powers of saliva may have been reminded, as I was, of Christ's successful treatment of the deaf and dumb man beside the Sea of Galilee (Mark vii.33) and of the blind man at Bethsaida (Mark viii.23). Even the imperial spine of *Vespasian*, if we trust Tacitus (*Historiae* iv.81), achieved remarkable results.

Yours sincerely, H. H. HUXLEY, 12 Denton Close, Cambridge, December 22.

Judging evil

From Mr A. V. C. Schmidt Sir, My friend Wilfred Beckerman's argument that we should condemn only acts and not people as "bad" rests on the proposition that we are not free moral agents because we are environmentally or genetically determined in what we do ("infinitely variable robots").

But it is true that I am "a slave to what is inside" because I am influenced by hereditary factors and by people and events around me? I do not see that I am not free because I am not perfectly free, any more than I am blind when driving on a road with limited conditions of visibility, or enslaved in weighing up the pleasures of tobacco against the pains of catarrh when deciding whether or not to smoke my pipe.

My "freedom" is undoubtedly restricted, because I am a being interacting with an outside and (I would maintain against Dr Beckerman) an inside world (my memories, desires, feelings) which is yet distinct from my choosing and willing self. It consists not primarily in my choice as such, considered as a pure act of will (which could itself be "determined", on Dr Beckerman's



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE December 26: The Queen was represented by Mr Noel Jones (Charge d'Affaires at Ulan Bator) at the Funeral of His Excellency Mr Jambalyan Banzar (Ambassador of the Mongolian People's Republic to the Court of St James's) which was held in Ulan Bator today.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Gordon Brunton, 65; Miss Mariene Dietrich, 82; Professor Brian Griffiths, 43; Air Chief Marshal Sir Derek Hodgkinson, 69; the Earl of Inchech, 69; Sir William Kilpatrick, 80; Miss Pat Moss, 52; Dr J. N. L. Myers, 84; Professor D. H. Northcote, 65; Sir Anthony Plowman, 81; Professor B. R. Rees, 67; Sir Norman Reid, 71; Sir Jeffrey Sterling, 52; Miss Janet Street-Porter, 40; Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, 83.

TOMORROW: Sir Henry Blain, 77; Mr W. A. Camps, 76; Mr H. D. B. Carr, 60; Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, 76; Sir Bayard Dill, 81; Mr T. W. Gould, 70; Mr Max Hastings, 41; Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, 78; Mr Max Jolly, 75; Lieutenant-General Sir George Lea, 74; Lord Justice O'Connor, 72; Mr Simon Raven, 59; Professor E. J. Richards, 72; Lord Salomon, 83; Miss Maggie Smith, 72; the Right Rev W.J. Westwood, 61.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Richard Nelson to be Ambassador to Liberia, in succession to Mr J.A. Robson, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Arthur Goodall to be High Commissioner to India in succession to Sir Robert Wade-Gery, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service. Mr Michael Mates, MP, to succeed Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, as Chairman of the House of Commons Defence Committee from January 1.

Latest wills

The Hon Mrs Sonia Rosemary Cunitz, of West Meon, Hampshire, president of the Hampshire branch of the St John Ambulance Brigade 1957-70, left estate valued at £1,806,506 net. She left most of her estate to her family.

Chad Varah Heaven and hell on earth?

George Bush is my name, America's my nation, Luddington's my dwelling place And Heaven's my destination.

The last time of this jingle from the flyleaves of innumerable school books in the mid-West gave Thornton Wilder the title of his funniest novel, and in The Bridge of San Luis Rey he explored the same subject as the old film, Friday the 13th, namely, are accidents accidental, or does the providence of God determine who dies and how and when?

If heaven, or hell, is my destination, what and where is it, and how long am I given to reach it? The Church of England gives no precise teaching on this point. It does emphasize that the Christian does not merely believe in the immortality of the soul but looks for the resurrection of the body, but fails to specify the manner of this. It is explicit only in teaching that it is not a matter of "dem dry bones" coming together in a mind-bogglingly complex and mysterious way.

Daily, indeed, momentously, on our earthly pilgrimage we become (as C.S. Lewis put it) more heavenly or more hellish persons, but he does not try to explain the pilgrimage of a human being who lives only a few seconds. His descriptions of hell and of the approaches to heaven (in The Great Divorce) are recognisably earthly, and carry more conviction to a twentieth century reader than either the Book of Revelation or the repellent account in James Joyce's Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

Heaven, to a degree, is experienced transiently here on earth by nature lovers, art lovers, poetry lovers, music lovers, and indeed lovers, not to mention worshippers and courtiers.

Heaven lies about some of us in our infancy, as it did about the Christ Child, but not about the millions of children who die of disease, neglect or cruelty each year.



The Princess of Wales, wearing a stylish Cossack outfit, leaving St George's Chapel, Windsor, in the rain with Prince William after the traditional Christmas Day service. (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Is there greater bliss than the best of earthly bliss, if this were unalloyed and enduring?

We pray Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. "O God that madest this beautiful earth", cried Shaw's St Joan, "when will it be ready to receive thy saints? How long, O Lord, how long?"

As for hell, we have only to open this or any newspaper to know how hellish it is, here on earth - man made, by those with no fear of God before their eyes.

Could we wish a worse hell on the most cruel and vicious of our kind than that which is suffered by many a man, woman or child who in this life, so far as we can ascertain, has done nothing to deserve a hundredth part of it?

"Who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus's disciples asked him of a beggar near the Temple (John 9, 2). Our Lord's answer is well known, but what about the answer he didn't give? He did not say: "O foolish and thoughtless disciples, how could this man sin before he was born, seeing that he did not exist until he was born?"

Of course, acknowledgement of the pre-existence of the soul before birth does not necessarily assert the doctrine of reincarnation, for the soul could have existed in the spiritual world; but if incarnation is necessary for the soul to experience its separateness from God and from other souls, it is difficult to see how the soul could develop towards perfection without it, or with only a few seconds of it in the case mentioned earlier.

The Christian, his thinking shaped by the mind of Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit within him, cannot feel comfortable with the idea that the Creator, whose name and nature is Love, can doom any of his creatures to unending and inescapable torment on the basis of their behaviour during a lifetime which may be brief and transient.

It is as unthinkable as the notion that

the blessedness of the redeemed should be augmented by gloating over the miseries of the damned (and we all know holier-than-thou people who can believe that).

The Roman Catholic Church makes a brave attempt to deal with this difficulty with its doctrine of purgatory, and presumably even the merciful Origin would have permitted varying doses of this to precede universal salvation. But if purgatory is not on earth, where is it, and how can it be effective on some other stage than our earthly home?

A Christian doctrine of reincarnation differs from oriental ones in confining successive lives to human lives, distinct from that of animals lacking self-consciousness and moral sense.

Its most distinguished exponent was the late Dr Rudolf Steiner, but you do not have to be an anthropologist to find it thought-provoking. He takes very seriously our Lord's identification of John the Baptist with Elijah (Matthew 17, 10-13). "Elijah has already come, and they failed to recognize him... the disciples understood that he meant John the Baptist".

What if not only Elijah, but every human soul except Christ's, lives many times on earth, experiencing the problems of every age and of both sexes, of power and of powerlessness, of different relationships with groups of familiar or unfamiliar people?

What was Mozart before he was a musical genius as a small child? As whom will Einstein return, if he has not already? Or Hitler, or Stalin? We are unlikely to find out and speculation is vain, for how many guardian angels convert us between earthly lives? Might not Verwoerd choose to be reborn as a black African? Or worse, a black African woman? Does this not merely postpone the problem to an unimagining future? Yes. That is one of its chief merits.

The Rev Dr Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans, is Rector of St Stephen Walbrook, City.

OBITUARY

SIR RICHARD WOOLLEY

Major astronomer who jibbed at space travel



Sir Richard Woolley, OBE, FRS, Astronomer Royal from 1956 to 1971, died on Christmas Eve at the age of 80.

He was the eleventh holder of the office in the 300 years since its establishment. Though it had long appeared to be his inevitable destination, he reached it by a route that had taken him far afield. He came to the post with a wider range of experience than any predecessor had had, and this was to prove of lasting benefit to British astronomy.

Richard van der Riet Woolley was born at Weymouth on April 24, 1906, the son of a paymaster rear-admiral. He was educated at Cape Town University before going to Cambridge. He entered Gonville and Caius, and, like several other members of that college, his subsequent turning to astronomy was influenced by F. J. M. Stratton.

After taking the mathematical tripos in 1928, he worked for a year under Sir Arthur Eddington. His promise as a scientist and as a personality were sufficiently recognized for him to be appointed a Commonwealth Fund Fellow (now Harkness Fellowship) at Mount Wilson Observatory, California.

There he worked for the next two years and had his first experience of practical astronomy in observing the sun. He soon showed his insight into the manifold problems of using large instruments, and his resourcefulness in extracting the maximum amount of information that a given instrument could be made to yield.

In 1931 he returned to Cambridge as Isaac Newton student, and was there until he became chief assistant at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in 1933. There he took a leading part in the work of the solar department. He was particularly happy in his collaboration with the then Astronomer Royal, Sir Frank Dyson, one result of which was their joint book, Eclipses of the Sun and Moon (1937).

In 1937 he returned to Cambridge, this time as John Couch Adams Astronomer, which meant that he became Eddington's assistant at the university observatory. There again he did the best he could in exploiting the available equipment, antiquated though it was.

Two years later he became director of the Commonwealth Solar Observatory, Canberra. This proved to be the great opportunity of his life. He will always be remembered for his contribution to the remarkable growth of scientific activity in Australia during and following the war; in particular, for developing the Mount Stromlo Observatory until it became the pre-eminent institution of astronomical research in the southern hemisphere.

At first the observatory was largely given over to the design and production of optical equipment for the armed forces. Starting from nothing, success was achieved in a very

short time. This meant that afterwards Woolley was left with greatly extended workshop facilities. Another outcome of the war was that he was able to recruit displaced European scientists who cooperated effectively in the resumption of astronomical work.

He was always making plans for the future and ready to put them into vigorous execution as soon as the war was over. In 1944 the observatory absorbed the staff, instruments and duties of the Melbourne Observatory.

In 1947 the Astronomer Royal, Sir Harold Spencer Jones, visited Mount Stromlo and strongly recommended the purchase of a large, modern telescope. A 74-inch reflector was, a few years later, installed.

His most notable achievement there was in making a new determination of the brightness of the sun by comparing it with the brightest star, Sirius. In the course of this work Sirius was found to be less bright than previous measurements had indicated.

By the time Woolley left Greenwich in 1956 the small solar observatory of 1939 had become equipped and staffed for first-rate work in almost the whole range of optical astronomy. As well as cooperating with other scientific bodies in Australia, Mount Stromlo had become a centre of international work on the southern sky.

On his arrival in England, accosted by reporters at the airport, he declared that interplanetary travel was "utter hodge". Referring to the cost of spacecraft he maintained that if astronomers were given a fraction of the money they could make more interesting discoveries.

The re-building of the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, through many economic vicissitudes, had been the great work of Sir Harold Spencer Jones during the ten years before Woolley succeeded him as Astronomer Royal in 1956. By 1958 Woolley was able to announce that all existing instruments had been installed and put into operation, and that the Government had agreed to the resumption of work on the Isaac Newton telescope.

He decided that it should be a large reflector. Originally sited at Herstmonceux, it introduced British astronomers to the problems of big telescopes. But climatic difficulties soon became a limiting

factor, and a new site had to be found for the telescope in the Canary Islands.

While at Herstmonceux he promoted yearly conferences, and occasionally international meetings to which famous foreign astronomers came. Always mindful of the next generation, he founded a course for university students. Later he gave much assistance to Sussex University in developing its astronomy centre.

In 1972 he went to South Africa as director of the Astronomical Observatory there. But on his retirement in 1976 he came back to Sussex, where he studied the lives of Wellington and Napoleon, and also took up painting. Woolley's work, though nearly always pioneering was scarcely such as to lend itself to easy description in general terms. His predominant interest in the first half of his career was in the atmospheres of the sun and stars. He made many contributions both theoretical and observational which have become part of the general body of knowledge of the subject. His work culminated in the publication of The Outer Layers of a Star (with D. W. N. Stibbs, 1953).

His main interest then turned to the study of groups of stars, and initiated work on the measurement of radial velocities that would give fresh information about the dynamic evolution of stellar clusters. Thus it came about that some of the chief work of the Royal Observatory was complementary to the distinguished theoretical researches being done in Cambridge by Professor Fred Hoyle and his school, and so gave a unified direction to much British astronomy.

His interest in radio astronomy was somewhat restrained. Above all, he believed that the devotion of vast sums to rocket and satellite research was not justified. His judgement in these matters appeared to show some lack of vision, and cost him support for his own scientific aims.

He was vice-president of the International Astronomical Union (1953-5); president of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (1955); and president of the Royal Astronomical Society (1965-5). Among his many honours, the one that he most prized was honorary fellowship of Gonville and Caius.

Woolley carried out official duties with dignity, but a ready sense of humour saved him from the slightest trace of pomposity. In professional matters he could be bluntly outspoken, but in personal dealings was charming and sociable. He was a man of fine physique and a keen sportsman. He was also an accomplished pianist.

He married, first, in 1952, Gwyneth Meyler, who died in 1979. His second wife, Patricia Marples, died last year. He is survived by his third wife, Sheila. There were no children of any of the marriages.

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after thirteen years in opposition. Despite being nearly selected on at least two occasions, he was unable to secure another seat until 1971, when Labour was in opposition again.

In that year he won his home seat of Greenwich, when Richard (now Lord) Marsh resigned to become chairman of the British Railways Board. Barnett held the seat through four general elections, though at the last his majority was reduced to 1,211. This reflected loss of support for his party rather than for himself; any other Labour candidate might well have lost the seat in 1983.

In 1974-5 he served as PPS to Mr John Silkin, whose views he largely shared and whose faithful ally he remained. Both were members of the Tribune Group. Barnett's absence from the House during the previous period of Labour government meant that others, not necessarily his superiors in ability, were in line for office ahead of him; and it was not until Mr Callaghan became prime minister in 1976 that he was given a ministerial post.

As under-secretary at the Department of the Environment over the next three years he made a good impression. His particular sphere of responsibility was new towns, and he piloted the bill that transferred housing assets to local authorities when the development corporations reached their targets. But his ministerial experience was regrettably brief.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.W.H. Wardie and Miss C.L.U. Martens. The engagement is announced between Carl, second son of Sir John and Lady Wardie, of Dodington House, Breamore, Hampshire, and Cordula, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.W.F. Martens, of Moorbirkenweg 7, Munster, West Germany.

Mr P.P. Balcombe and Miss V.M. Piepenstock. The engagement is announced between Paul Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Philip Balcombe, of London, and Victoria Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Piepenstock, of Pinner Hill, Middlesex.

Mr S.W. Breeze and Dr C.W. Cottam. The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs M.M. Breeze, of Hardhead, Buckinghamshire, and Cecilia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.W. Cottam, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr R.S. Cooke and Miss S.A. Sibbard. The engagement is announced from Plymouth, between Richard Graham Cooke, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Simone Ann Sibbard, of Sydney, Australia.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

BIRTHS
BRIDLEY - On December 20th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jenny (nee Press) and John, a daughter, Olivia Lucy.

DEATHS
CATERMOL - On December 24th 1986, Jesse Alma peacefully at his home at Westwindsor, Chichester. Dearly loved husband of Daisy and beloved father of Paul.

DEATHS
COOK - On December 22nd 1986, peacefully in hospital, Mrs (Mrs) Ruth Cook, nee Jones, aged 82 years.

DEATHS
DALGLEISH - On December 19th, suddenly, Arthur George, dearly loved husband of Joan, father of Sarah and grandfather of Justin and Zoe. Service at Westleton Church, Suffolk, 11.00 am, Tuesday, December 23rd.

DEATHS
FESTER - On December 22nd, peacefully in Westminster Hospital, John, aged 79, much loved husband of Joan, father of Neil, Stephen and 17 de Vere Gardens, London W8. Father of Susan and John. No flowers please.

DEATHS
HITCHELL - On December 25th, Mary Evelyn, at the Deans Lodge, 23 Liberty, Wells, Somerset, aged 83 years, wife of Patrick (Dennis) of Wells. Family flowers only, donations if desired in The Society of St Francis, c/o T Wicks and Son, 13 St John Street, Wells, (Tel: 78884).

DEATHS
KINGSTON - On December 21st 1986, suddenly at home, Laurence Charles, aged 78, beloved husband of Cally, daughter of Mrs. J. King, of 10, Northdown Road, St Peter's, Chichester. Family flowers only, donations if desired in The Society of St Francis, c/o T Wicks and Son, 13 St John Street, Wells, (Tel: 78884).

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

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MARRIAGES
JENNIFER JENNIFER, Nicola and Jeremy and wife, Mrs. Jennifer, who has just returned from a long holiday in the South West, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Nicola, to Jeremy, on December 20th at St. Andrew's Church, Chichester.

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Patriarch's plan rejected

Wrangle threatens Bethlehem basilica

From Ian Murray, Bethlehem

The fabric of the Basilica of the Holy Nativity here, one of the oldest churches in Christendom, is in danger because of rivalry between the different Christian confessions who have ancient rights to worship in it.

This year the argument has become so bitter that Diodorus I, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch, is threatening to cancel his traditional Christmas procession on January 6 and has issued an ominous warning that his monks will "exercise their rights" to clean a disputed area of wall just above the entrance to the grotto where Christ is believed to have been born.

The cleaning is due on Monday and the Israeli administration is struggling without much success so far to find a way of heading off potentially violent trouble.

The cleaning day is the annual occasion when the three different churches using the basilica - the Greek Orthodox, the Armenian Orthodox and the Roman Catholics - symbolically clean the filthy walls of the 1,600-year-old building in order to mark out their territory in one of Christianity's holiest sites.

In a letter to the Israeli Civil Administration of Bethlehem, the patriarch has rejected a compromise proposal which last year succeeded in keeping the peace on cleaning day.

The areas each group is allowed to clean are carefully described in a book written in 1928 under the British Mandate which sets out the status quo in the holy places. The Greek Orthodox have exclusive rights everywhere save in the northern transept and the entrance from left to the grotto below.

The problems are all centred in this transept, which

Science

Universal face of contempt

By Pearce Wright

The facial expression of an individual registering contempt is expressed on only one side of the face, which differs from the grimace of the whole visage, that reflects other emotions.

That was one of the incidental findings of scientists who explored the possibility of the facial expression of contempt being a culture-specific trait.

Contrary to their expectations, contempt is recognizable in the countenance of people from places as diverse as Scotland and West Sumatra. The details of this revelation are reported by Dr Paul Ekman and Dr Wallace V. Friesen, of the University of California at San Francisco, in the journal Motivation and Emotion.

When the research began, the scientists suspected - wrongly - that contempt was rooted in culture and evolution. Instead, they found that it was universally recognized.

During the research 554 people were asked to describe the expression on photographs depicting each of those emotions, representing eight languages and both Western and non-Western cultures.

Dr Ekman said the first difference they observed between contempt and the other emotions was that contempt was expressed on only one side of the face, whereas the other feelings manifested themselves symmetrically.

He said people expressed contempt by tightening one corner of the mouth, cocking the head to the side and raising the chin, so as "to look down your nose at the object of contempt".

In contrast, anger was signalled by furrowed brows, pressed together lips, glaring, and clenched jaws.

He believed contempt differed further from the other emotions in that it reflected a moral judgment.

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The 'nightmare' of Christmas in Kaunda's jail

From Michael Hartnack, Harare

A "nightmare" five days in Lusaka's Kamwala remand prison was described by Mr John Edlin, aged 41, a journalist from New Zealand, when he flew back to Harare, Zimbabwe, on Christmas Eve.

Mr Edlin, a correspondent for the American news agency the Associated Press, was appalled by conditions under which he said, boys as young as seven years old are sexually assaulted each night by adult criminals, guards connive to steal the limited ration, and hundreds of prisoners have been detained without charge for up to four years.

Among them are fugitives from repressive African governments who are not receiving the help they are due from the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Edlin said.

Those include black South Africans who claim to be members of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress, three whites with South African connections, and Malawian Jehovah's Witnesses whose sect was banned by President Kamuzu Banda.

Mr Edlin was arrested at Lusaka's Ridgeway Hotel on December 19 while on his way to report on recent food riots in the Kamwala copper belt. He believes that the action stemmed from an administrative muddle.

Mr Edlin was held in a cell measuring 15 paces by nine paces, with 108 other detainees who had not been convicted by the courts, and a cell "captain", a hardened criminal serving a lengthy formal jail term. Mr Edlin had to bribe the cell captain with the food and cigarettes which friends brought to him.

The convicts were given coarse maize meal and beans, contaminated by cockroaches. Their meat ration was commandeered by the guards.

More than 500 prisoners shared three cells of differing sizes, into which they were locked from 4.30pm to 9.0am each night. The cells were infested with bedbugs and lice and the prisoners, who were

each given a single blanket, slept on the concrete floor.

A group of 18 juvenile offenders, between the ages of seven and 14, arrested for pick-pocketing and petty offences, were smuggled into the squalid cells where they were bled-out as prostitutes, Mr Edlin said. Marijuana smoking was rife.

"There is very little evidence to the prison life of the sort of humanism as a philosophy that President Kaunda preaches," Mr Edlin said.

"Zambia, as chairman of the Front Line states, is one of the major critics of the policies of South Africa, and yet one sees the same sort of thing in Zambia, only worse in regard to detention of children as young as seven years old."

Mr Edlin said British High Commission officials hoped to obtain the release shortly of a British citizen who has been living in South Africa. Mr Michael Howard, Mr Howard, aged 23, has been detained in Kamwala for three months since his arrest at the Chirundu border post, shortly after crossing from Zimbabwe.

After completing immigration formalities he went down to the Zambezi River to wash his hands but was arrested by security guards who suspected him of spying on the strategic Chirundu Bridge.

Mr Howard was taken to Lusaka and declared a prohibited immigrant but the unexplained delay in carrying out his deportation is minimal compared with the plight of hundreds of black detainees in Kamwala.

One white security prisoner in Kamwala, Mr Duncan Vause, aged 30, is held by special order from President Kaunda. With three other South Africans, Mr Vause was arrested while on Zambia shortly after the South African raid on African National Congress targets last May.

Recently, three other whites have been detained on allegations of spying for South Africa, but none is held in Kamwala, Mr Edlin said.

Hong Kong blaze leaves 1,700 homeless



Injured Botham's five for 41

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damaged cartilage. He has used a machine, widely employed to help horses and greyhounds recover from injury, which puts a magnetic field onto the damaged area of the body to help its healing.

Mr Brown added: "I used both ultrasound and Magnetopulse on fan. But the important thing is that he has been careful in his movements and has prepared for the match with running and twisting exercises to make certain the chest muscles are fully stretched."

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Critical by-election looming

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its representation at last May's local elections.

The Alliance acknowledge that a left-wing Labour candidate represents their best chance of success, and fear that Greenwell could turn out to be another Fulham, where they were squeezed out by the polarization of run-down council estates and smart gentrification.

However, the neighbouring seat of Woolwich is held by an SDP MP, Mr John Cartwright, and the SDP Alliance candidate, Mrs Rosie Barnes, a market researcher who lives locally and has three children, can expect a flood of support at grassroots level from Alliance activists.

Another nearby Alliance stronghold is Bermondsey, where the Liberal MP Mr Simon Hughes overturned a 17,000 Labour majority in a 1983 by-election.

The Conservative candidate is Mr John Antcliffe, a young local councillor, who can rely on a substantial bedrock of solid Conservative support.

Mr Barnett, who was aged 58, had held the seat since a 1971 by-election, caused by the resignation of Mr Richard Marsh, now Lord Marsh.

Earlier he had entered Parliament by winning a dramatic by-election in the Tory stronghold of South Dorset in 1962, only to lose that seat again at the 1964 general election.

Mr Barnett, who leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, was a junior environment minister in the last Labour

Hong Kong (AP) - A fire yesterday left 1,700 people homeless and destroyed 170 boats in a cove popular with tourists for its floating restaurants. Two people were slightly injured in the blaze, which firemen in boats and helicopters fought for four hours.

They were hampered by strong winds which fanned the flames and caused the fire to spread quickly through congested Aberdeen cove.

The firemen's efforts were further hindered by numerous mooring lines, and other residents attempting to escape.

None of the floating restaurants, which are built on large barges, were damaged.

Holiday quiet on roads and rail

By Kenneth Gosling and Guy Ker

Police and emergency services yesterday reported a quieter than normal Christmas, after an unseasonal spell of mild weather which caused few serious road problems.

Motoring organizations were kept busy, with the RAC answering an average of one call every three minutes over the entire holiday period, but a spokesman said the majority were for minor problems.

Travel was little problem for those with cars: the chaos of French Railways was neatly avoided in this country by having no trains at all for two days.

British Telecom is expected to face the wrath of the Telecommunications Users Association on Monday, after thousands of callers were frustrated by the virtual shutdown of the operator service on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

There were the usual English eccentricities like taking to the sea for charity dips. More than 100 brave souls plunged into the English Channel to mark the 40th anniversary of the traditional Christmas Day immersion: at Hastings the oldest "dipper" was a man of 79.

At Eastbourne, the youngest was aged eight.

Another two dozen hardy folk swam across the harbour at Weymouth, in Dorset, and more than 700 people braved the chilly North Sea yesterday in what was claimed to be the biggest Boxing Day dip in the world.

The annual event at Seaburn, Sunderland, brought out thousands of sightseers who helped raise an estimated £14,000 for 30 charities.

Project Mother Christmas was operated on Christmas Day by British Airways, whose kitchens were used to prepare four-course turkey lunches for distribution to the needy in various parts of Britain.

More than 2,000 meals were prepared and sent to community halls from BA kitchens.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Solution to Puzzle No 17,234

Solution to Puzzle No 17,237

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,238

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World will be given for the first five correct solutions opened Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: H M Bibby, Dyffryn Aled, LLansannas, Denbigh, Clwyd; Mrs F F Bowsher, Quarry Hills Lane, Lichfield, Staffs; J R Gallimore, Fern Cottage, Siewkley, Leighton Buzzard, Beds; Cdr P M Latham, 1 Old Palace Lane, Richmond, Surrey; Mrs M Morawetz, St Mary's, Poles Lane, Otterbourne, Winchester.

Name: _____
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Today's events

Royal engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Ely Cathedral 1986 Appeal, visits the cathedral, noon.

Last chance to see
Craftsmanship for Christmas: Cirencester Workshops, Brewer's Court, Cirencester; 10 to 5.30.

General
Trade/craft fair: The Fishergate Centre, York; 10 to 4. Mayor guided tour; Liverpool Museum, William Brown St, Liverpool; 1.30 and 2.30 (until Jan 6, except Dec 28 and Jan 1).

Snow Queen, Regent Centre, High St, Christchurch; 7.30 (until Jan 3, except Dec 28 and 31).

Hot air balloon meeting, Brass Monkey Meet, Harrogate; until Dec 29; contact 0969 40674.

Fantastic Mr Fox, Gardner Centre for the Arts, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton; 2.30 and 6.

Roads

London and the South-east: M27: Construction of flyover between M27 intersection and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth. A1016: Work on dual carriageway between Brickwork roundabout and A12 at Margate, Essex. Kingston: Work S of A3 Kingston by-pass between 8 am and 4 pm.

The North: M1: Work between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Workson and A630 Rotherham) with various slip road closures at junctions 31 and 32 (M18 interchange). M6: Work at junction 23 (Merseyside) and contrailow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston and M55 interchange). M63: Widening work at Barton Bridge with motorway restrictions between junction 1 (Eccles interchange) to junction 7 (Chester Rd, A56 Stafford).

Wales and the west: A38: Lane closures in both directions at the top of Haldon Hill with delays between Exeter and Plymouth. A38/A258: Link road to junction 25 (M4) with alterations to Blackbrook roundabout.

Scotland: A198: Temporary lights W of Meadowhill junction. A92/A978: Restrictions at St Machar Drive, King St, due to roundabout construction. A68: Resurfacing on Edinburgh to St Boswells Rd near A6124 junction, E of Dalkeith. A77: Single line traffic in Ayr rd, N of Ballantrae.

WEATHER A fairly cloudy north-westerly airflow will cover the British Isles. Some south-eastern districts will start bright, and the extreme NE of Scotland will be bright at times, with some sleet or snow showers, but most of the British Isles will be cloudy, with some showery rain likely in many places. More persistent rain may affect parts of western Scotland. It will be rather cold in the NE, otherwise temperatures will be near normal, though the wind will be chilly. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Generally mild and cloudy, some rain, chiefly in the N and W.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

Location	Start	End
London	4.27 pm to 7.25 am	
Bristol	4.37 pm to 7.46 am	
Edinburgh	4.14 pm to 8.14 am	
Manchester	4.26 pm to 7.55 am	
Penzance	4.56 pm to 7.51 am	

YESTERDAY

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Belfast	5.4	SW	5
Birmingham	5.4	W	5
Bristol	7.4	W	5
Cardiff	7.4	W	5
Edinburgh	7.4	W	5
London	7.4	W	5
Manchester	7.4	W	5
Newcastle	7.4	W	5
Sheffield	7.4	W	5
Stockport	7.4	W	5
Wolverhampton	7.4	W	5

AROUND BRITAIN

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Scarboro	1.1	SE	5
Birmingham	1.1	SE	5
Bristol	1.1	SE	5
Cardiff	1.1	SE	5
Edinburgh	1.1	SE	5
London	1.1	SE	5
Manchester	1.1	SE	5
Newcastle	1.1	SE	5
Sheffield	1.1	SE	5
Stockport	1.1	SE	5
Wolverhampton	1.1	SE	5

HIGH TIDES

Location	Time	Height
London Bridge	10.09	11.22
Aberdeen	10.42	8.10
Belfast	10.06	11.33
Cardiff	3.51	10.5
Dover	2.30	4.8
Falmouth	2.00	4.7
Hull	2.58	5.3
London	11.49	8.2
Lough	11.49	8.2
Lowestoft	6.14	2.05
Margate	8.49	4.3
Newquay	2.05	6.21
Oban	3.02	3.4
Portsmouth	3.41	1.7
Southampton	8.20	4.4
Swansea	8.06	3.7
Tees	12.17	4.8
Wilton-on-Tyne	6.36	3.21

ACROSS

- 1 to France. I accept glasses on a man from the East (8).
- 5 Coat could be altered as a result (6).
- 8 She wrote a note, carried by ravens, moreover (6,4).
- 9 Ruth is mine and yours, not ours (4).
- 10 Besides where contractor enters (4,3,7).
- 11 Gave Burns, the poet, another name (7).
- 13 The answer I place in a note (7).
- 15 Fool invites lady in for a smoke (7).
- 18 Trouble for horses when one interrupts villains (7).
- 21 Nursery characters - I find them incredible, absolutely fantastic (5,5,4).
- 22 Branch member (4).
- 23 Formerly one with the right temper to irritate (10).
- 24 A group is abroad in a film scene (6).
- 25 Hardly knowing about quality (8).

DOWN

- 1 Can trap get sprung first by foot? (7).
- 2 Lying and abandoned woman brought up in discourse (9).
- 3 Denied the need to carry a gun (7).
- 4 Stay blue about America (7).
- 5 Where to find the Ashes exposed to criticism (5,4).
- 6 Voice of parson faltering over nothing (7).
- 7 Obsolete letter, so they say, can cut out "U" (7).
- 8 Staff, given a rise, celebrated - but not in flight (9).
- 14 Pretended to be different, and so it is (3-6).
- 16 It may be called oo in an emergency (3,4).
- 17 Something to eat going up river - a short river (7).
- 18 Bob, for instance, freed me from rheumatic disorder (7).
- 19 Part of England (or, rather, part of Europe) (7).
- 20 Flats in a row, a line (7).

Tomorrow's events

Alex Welsh Reunion Band play jazz; the Hazlett Theatre Lounge, Maidstone; 8.

General
Didcot Steamday; Didcot railway centre; 11 to 5.
Steam Weekend; Ryehope Engines Museum, Sunderland; 11 to 5.
Antique Fair; Railway Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire; 10 to 5.

British Rail
Today: Normal Saturday service, though most early morning trains will not run.
Tomorrow: Normal Sunday service.
December 29 and 30: Normal weekday services, but with reduced commuter services.
December 31: Wednesday service in Scotland with last trains generally running before 10 pm. No overnight trains except for Irish Mail boat trains to and from Holyhead.
January 1: No services in Scotland; Intercity trains will not run north of Carlisle or Newcastle; no local services in NE England; most Network SouthEast services will operate to a Sunday timetable.
London Transport
December 29, 30, 31 and January 2: Most bus services will run to Saturday timetable. January 1: Buses and Underground will run to Sunday timetable.
On New Year's Eve travel on London buses and Underground will be free after 11.45 pm.

Anniversaries

TODAY
Births: Johannes Kepler, astronomer, 1571; Louis Pasteur, chemist and bacteriologist, 1822.
Deaths: Sergey Yesenin, poet, 1925; Lester Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada 1963-68; Nobel Peace laureate, 1957, 1972.

TOMORROW
Births: Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, 1856; Pio Baroja, novelist, 1872; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer 1882.
Deaths: Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, writer and historian, 1858; George Gissing, novelist, 1903; Maurice Ravel, composer, 1937; Theodore Dreiser, novelist, 1945; Paul Hindemith, composer, 1963.

The pound

Country	Bank	Rate
Australia	Sch	1.96
Canada	Sch	1.33
Denmark	Kr	11.24
France	F	6.55
Germany	DM	2.36
Italy	Lira	2065
Japan	Yen	163.6
Netherlands	Gld	3.60
Norway	Kr	11.32
Spain	Pta	166.6
Sweden	Kr	10.46
Switzerland	Fr	2.45
USA	\$	1.51
Yugoslavia	Dnr	820

HIGHEST & LOWEST

December 26: Highest day temp: Cape Town 10C (50F); lowest day temp: Lowestoft 3C (37F); highest rainfall: West Point 0.47 in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne 5.8 hr.

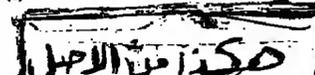
December 25: Highest day temp: Toronto 13C (55F); lowest day temp: Lowestoft 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Harland 4.0 mm; highest sunshine: Glasgow 4.0 hr.

ABROAD

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Alexis	1.6	SE	5
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STOCK MARKET

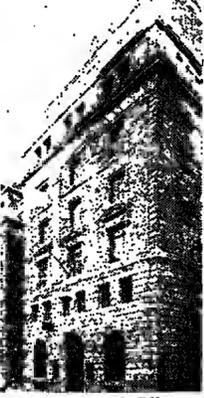
Table with stock market data including FT 30 Share, FT-SE 100, Bargains, USM (Datastream), THE POUND, US Dollar, W German mark, and Trade-weighted.

Bank pulls out of new office

Lloyds Bank is pulling out of taking phase four of Rosehaugh/Stanhope's Broadgate development at Liverpool Street, London. But the bank will still be providing a non-recourse loan for the 340,000 sq ft phase.

Royal Bank of Canada sale

The Royal Bank of Canada is to sell its freehold building in the City of London at 6 Louthbury, opposite the Bank of England, as part of its move to its new, purpose-built headquarters in Queen Victoria Street.



The Louthbury building

Table with market data including Commodities Review, Tempus, View of Year, Wall Street, Money Writings, Foreign Exch, Traded Options, Comment, and Share Prices.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Table with stock market data for New York, Dow Jones, Tokyo, Nikkei Dow, Hang Seng, Amsterdam Gen, Sydney: AO, and various indices.

INTEREST RATES

Table with interest rate data for London Bank Base, 3-month interbank, 3-month eligible bills, and US Treasury Bills.

CURRENCIES

Table with currency data for London and New York, including \$: £, DM: £, S: £, FF: £, Yen: £, and ECU.

Government may invest in space

Airbus project takes a dive

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Prospects for a continuing British presence in the European Airbus Industrie consortium have taken a nose dive after a growing conviction that the rival airliner, developed by McDonnell Douglas of the United States, will be formally launched on Monday.

Fielding takes over at Heath

By Alison Eadie

Mr Derek Newton is stepping down as chairman of the troubled Lloyd's broker CE Heath at the end of the month. His place will be taken by Mr Richard Fielding, who became chief executive last month.



Derek Newton

£45 million European buyout financed by 3i

By Our City Staff

What is believed to be the biggest management buyout on the continent of Europe by a British-owned venture capital group has been led by 3i.

More than 50 managers from the company's principal operating territories will put up \$5.2 million. The 3i company has arranged finance of \$59.8 million, of which \$45 million will be syndicated by the London branch of Banque Francaise du Commerce Exterior.

Japanese divided on growth prospects

By Graham Searjeant

The Japanese government is engaged in a fierce debate with outside forecasters over whether the Japanese economy can grow by the 3.5 per cent it is predicting for the 1987-88 financial year without a further stimulus, as the rise in the yen increasingly hurts export industries.

Figures released over Christmas show vehicle exports falling further in November to 537,000, down nearly 15 per cent on the corresponding month.

Vehicle exports for 1986 as a whole are estimated to have fallen by only 1.9 per cent because of buoyant trade earlier in the year. But the slump has caught up with the motorcycle industry whose exports are estimated to have fallen a cumulative 30 per cent in the first 11 months of the year.

Japan's finance ministry has drafted a tight 1987-88 budget for agreement in Cabinet at the end of the year, proposing the smallest spending increase for 32 years to reflect lagging tax revenues.

Consumer prices fell by 0.5 per cent in November, leaving prices unchanged over the past 12 months.

The flotation of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone has been delayed by a week to mid-February because multiple applications have heaped confusion over the privatization issue.

More than 10 million applications have been made for the 1.7 million shares initially being sold.

Sterling shrugs off trade figures

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Sterling's end-of-year rally continued on Christmas Eve, shrugging off gloomy balance of payments figures. The Opec settlement also buoyed the pound.

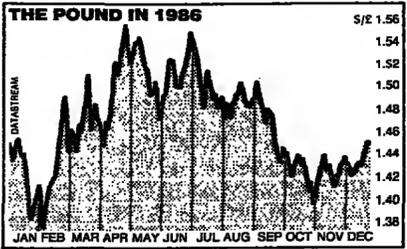
Against the dollar, sterling gained 95 points to \$1.4580, breaking through an important resistance level on the charts. It also rose by 2.3 pence to DM2.8700.

The sterling index rose by 0.4 to 69.0, 2 points above its record low, providing the Government with a cushion as the pound enters the nervous New Year period.

Unlike the run up to January 1985 - the most serious sterling crisis in recent years - the pound strengthened during December.

Dealers said that although the November trade figures - showing a trade deficit of more than £1 billion and a cumulative current account deficit of £224 million for the year - initially depressed the pound, the prospect of \$18 a barrel oil prices and the Government's improved showing in the opinion polls weighed sentiment in sterling's favour.

The pound has been remarkably stable against the dollar, moving within a narrow



10 per cent range. Against the dollar, the pound has experienced one of its most stable years since floating exchange rates began in 1973.

The low for the year was slightly less than \$1.38 and the high just above \$1.55. For most of the year, the pound has moved in the \$1.40 to \$1.50 range.

Exporters selling in dollars have thus enjoyed a period of relative currency stability, unlike their counterparts selling to Europe and Japan.

Rather than "shadowing" the European Monetary System, the pound has unintentionally shadowed the dollar. This has undoubtedly exerted a restraining influence on Britain's inflation.

booyed by the large German and Japanese current account surpluses, have thus scored against the dollar and pound.

Secondly, relative to Germany and Japan, both Britain and the US are dependent upon oil. The dollar and sterling therefore suffered when world oil prices plunged.

Thirdly, the follow-through of the September 1985 Group of Five agreement, pushing the dollar down against other currencies, has emphasized dollar movements against the yen and mark. The pound has had no explicit role or support and it has been possible for the Bank of England to allow it to drift down with the dollar.

The dollar has been weaker over Christmas, pressuring new surveys of international currency agreements if the trend continues. On Christmas Eve it steadied against the mark to DM1.9600 but fell against a strong yen from ¥162.45 to ¥161.90.

Yesterday, however, the dollar also dropped back against the mark in thin trading in the Far East and North America, losing almost a pennig to DM1.9620. This in turn, put pressure on the franc, which fell virtually to its floor of 333.03 per 100 marks under present European Monetary System parities.

Holmes à Court bids for Herald

Sydney (Reuters) - Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian businessman, has joined battle with Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation for control of the Herald and Weekly Times (HWT), Australia's biggest newspaper group.

Mr Holmes à Court has offered Aus\$13 (£5.95) a share with scrip alternatives for HWT against News Corporation's Aus\$12 with scrip alternatives. The new bid is worth Aus\$2 billion.

Mr Murdoch whose proposed bid, if successful, would give him control of 75 per cent of Australia's daily news-

papers, gave no immediate hint of a higher offer.

HWT said that no immediate decision would be made on the counter offer before next week because it was unable to get all its board members together.

Mr Holmes à Court, who is making his bid through a listed subsidiary, said it was conditional on approval by HWT's board and 90 per cent acceptance by shareholders.

News Corporation seemed to have clinched the deal on December 12 when Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, agreed to sell his 12 per cent stake to the media group for Aus\$220 million.

STC to buy Whitworth

By Cliff Feltham

STC, the electronics company, made a rare excursion into the takeover market on Christmas Eve with an agreed £5.2 million bid for Whitworth Electric, a wholesale electrical distributor.

The offer sent Whitworth shares up to 130p, a jump of 39p, matching the terms of the share and cash offer. These are three new STC ordinary shares for every four Whitworth shares or 510p cash.

Whitworth directors and shareholders speaking for 52 per cent of the equity have backed the offer.

Whitworth will be developed as part of STC Distributors. STC says combining the two businesses will increase

sales and reduce overheads. Whitworth recently reported an annual pretax loss of £423,000, compared with profits of £15,000 on little changed turnover of £16 million. The company has suffered from price cutting with insufficient sales to cover rising overheads.

Stockley, the property company, is rationalizing the portfolio of properties it bought from European Ferries for £61.4 million last year. It has sold two non-income producing buildings in London for £13.25 million.

The company has also bought the freehold of Stockley House in Victoria, London for £3.5 million cash.

Brunei 'set to seize hotels'

Singapore (AP-Dow Jones) - The Brunei authorities are reportedly set to seize Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat's majority stake in the Southern Pacific Hotel Corporation (SPHC), which operates and owns hotels in the Travelodge, Boulevard, Parkway, Holiday Inn and Beachcomber chains in the Pacific basin.

According to reports in Singapore and Hong Kong, Brunei gained control of 9.996 shares of a total of 10,000 issued shares in SPHC when it seized control of a bank on November 19.

The shares were pledged as security for a loan of Brunei\$395 million (£125 million), made by a bank to Leo Investment Corporation - a company controlled by Tan Sri Khoo's family - and for which Tan Sri Khoo himself has been sued as guarantor.

Hanson sells SCM offshoots

Lord Hanson, above, has sold two American subsidiaries of SCM for a total of \$13.8 million (£9.6 million). Kleinschmidt Computer Services has been sold to its management for \$5.1 million and Hudson River Conference Center to Gladue Facilitators for \$8.7 million. Hanson Trust has more than recouped the \$930 million purchase price of SCM through sales. It has retained the titanium dioxide, paper and Smith-Corona typewriter businesses. Comment, page 27

First, catch your £20,000...

How to be a local hero

By Richard Lander

If your partner seemed less than delighted with your Christmas gift of a pair of diamond-studded Gucci shoes or yawned when you unveiled yet another Cartier watch, take them back immediately and buy the ultimate City present for 1987: membership of the Stock Exchange.

No longer do you have to do anything as tedious as join an established stockbroker firm and work your way to the top. Now individuals can become members of the stock market in their own right, allowing John Smith and Joe Soap to become household words along with those peculiarly named entities such as Williams de Broe and Kitcat & Aitken.

The cost of this wonderful present - a veritable licence to print (or lose) money - is only £10,000. If you are feeling really generous, you can also throw in the extra £10,000 in liquid capital needed to show the burghers of the Stock Exchange. You could also help by hiring a tutor to help prepare for the market's entrance exams.

There are a few restrictions under the new entry rules announced by the Stock Ex-

change this month. You will only be allowed to do business on the traded options floor and, unlike the big boys, you will only be allowed to act as a broker or principal. However, as any insider will tell you, traded options are the thing of the future and in any case, everybody had to choose a single capacity for centuries before Big Bang.

Individual members, or "locals" as they are called in the trade, have been around for some time on the London International Financial Futures Exchange (LIFFE). As Mr David Morgan, one of LIFFE's most respected locals said, it is a job for the true free spirit.

"It's a perfect job for someone who is an entrepreneur in the old fashioned sense. You can go into it without the problem of having a large staff, stocks, plant or heavy capital requirements," he said.

Mr Morgan, a former businessman and restaurateur, has been on LIFFE for almost four years and it would be hard to find anyone who enjoys his work more. He positively bubbles with the joy of trading on the floor and finds the camaraderie of the

market a positive incentive to go to work every morning.

He is cagey about exactly how much he has made as a local, but as he has built up a five-person team around him, he would appear to have done reasonably well. He does admit to a few unpleasant moments along the way.

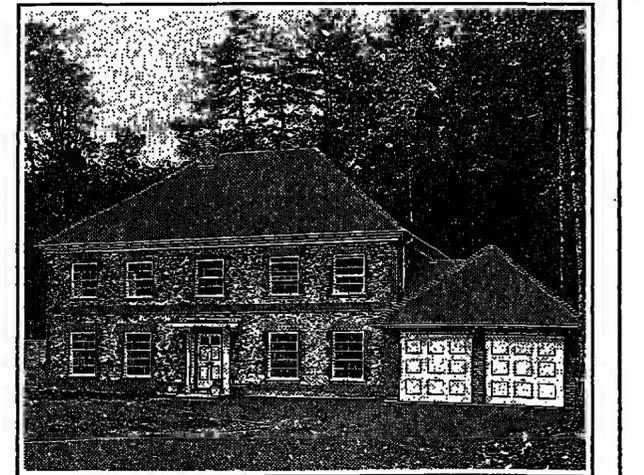
"In four years I've had five or six nasty experiences where I lost thousands of pounds in a day. But given the gearing of the market, recovery can be very quick. It just concentrates your mind a great deal more when you're down."

His advice to the prospective local? Do not get greedy and do not panic and whatever you do follow these three basic rules of investing:

- Cut your losses as quickly as possible;
● Never add to a losing position; and
● If you go wrong, cut out and take a small opposite position. Then stop and rethink your strategy.
Sounds easy. Now all I have to do is ask Santa to take back those paisley socks and substitute a cheque for £20,000.



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Dow rises slightly in slow trading

New York (Agency) - The day after the Christmas holiday brought some of the duller trading of 1986 as the market rose only slightly in early dealings.

One trader said: "There is just nothing going on."

Few stocks changed hands. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 3 points to 1,979.60.

Advancing and declining stocks were almost even on a volume of 11 million shares.

Earlier in the first hour of trading, only 9 million shares changed hands. Drug shares, however, pushed ahead.

Merck rose by 2% to 125, Smithkline by 1% to 93 1/2, Pfizer by 1% to 62 1/2 and Squibb 1% to 118.

On Christmas Eve, the Dow Jones industrial average closed 12.23 points higher at 1,976.60 as shares closed higher in slow trading.

Tax-related selling that had put pressure on prices in the previous two sessions eased, allowing the market to rebound with the help of some futures-related buying and strong gains in a handful of blue chip stocks.

Strong performances in Merck and IBM helped to bolster the industrial average. These stocks rose by a combined 4% points, accounting for more than 5 points of the Dow's advance.

Advancing stocks led declining ones by 935 to 572 as volume slumped to 96.2 million shares from 188.7 million on Tuesday. It was the slowest day since November 28, the day after Thanksgiving Day, when 93.5 million shares changed hands.

Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30
AMR	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2
Alcoa	38 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
Allegheny	41 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2
Amalgamated	12 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
Amstar	28 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
Ames	24 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
Amgen	48 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2
Am International	78 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
Amstar	28 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
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All quiet on the buying front

Commodities look set for another dull year

Commodities have done their fair share of flustering to deceive in 1986. Almost every dog in the commodities world has had its day at some time during the year, but as we enter 1987, traders and analysts are being forced once again to hedge any optimistic forecasts with a festive sprinkling of "ifs", "maybes" and "in some circumstances".

With high real interest rates and continued incremental growth in the Western economies - not to mention increasing prudence by the Chinese in their buying programmes - there is still no clear sign that commodities are coming back into fashion.

Gold and platinum are really the only two commodities to buck the trend this year. After a long spell in the doldrums, gold broke out above the \$400 an ounce level, although it has since found it difficult to stay there. Sentiment has been helped by huge Japanese purchases for the Emperor Hirohito commemorative coin, worries about political developments in South Africa and that old gold-bug's stand by, inflationary expectations.

Whether such factors are enough to drive gold markedly higher next year is questionable. Memories in the financial markets are short and inflation paranoia may come to be seen as an animal of the 1970s now close to extinction. It will certainly be a long hard struggle before we see gold even approaching its record high of \$850 an ounce.

If anything, platinum has rather more going for it next year. It is true that a South African supply disruption now seems unlikely, but it is a metal of the 1990s whose industrial uses are orientated towards high-tech conservationist uses such as electronics.

However, it would be unwise to expect anything spectacular from the silver market next year. The metal, much of which is located in romantic but near-bankrupt countries such as Peru and Mexico, has now been firmly re-rated as a base rather than a precious commodity and has behaved as such, although it occasionally takes succour from developments in gold and platinum.

Talking of base metals, 1986 will not go down as one of their greatest years. "From the fundamental point of view the year has appeared to be a slow motion replay of the two preceding years," said Mr David Williamson of Shearson, Lehman Brothers, the metals trader.

"The only tiny bright spot, I suppose, was that the year represented a further step in the long struggle towards the time when mining capacity will not be sufficient to meet immediate consumer needs."

Whether it was end-of-year merit or something else, some analysts were prepared to present another production of that old Christmas favourite "The Copper Price



Japan is to cut the number of gold coins to be issued early next year from 5 million to 1 million, because an estimated 10 per cent of the 10 million coins issued on November 10 to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Emperor Hirohito (above) were unsold. The Bank of Japan will eventually buy back unsold coins from financial institutions.

Should Move Higher Next Year". According to Mr Anthony Hodges of Rudolf Wolf, the metals trader, the impetus to higher copper prices might come from the changing buying patterns, which has led to consumers holding much lower stocks.

"A rush to lengthen the (stocks) pipeline could be triggered by supply disruptions, lower interest rates, heightened inflationary expectations or merely a perception that prices will no longer be lower next month."

"We believe that the mood is now finely-balanced and that it would not take much to turn consumer sentiment in favour of buying forward more extensively."

Another bullish factor for copper as it enters the New Year is a strike at the Noranda refinery in Horne.

Quebec, where about 800 workers stopped work on November 5. In fact, it was there were any thread connecting the various metals in 1986 it was industrial strife. Some disputes had a tangible effect on prices, especially in lead and zinc.

But such supply disruptions are by their very nature temporary and it testifies to the torpid fundamentals of the base metals markets at present that they become so excited by such passing phenomena.

The soft commodity markets have had an unusually lively year. Much to the joy of the London Commodity Exchange where volumes have shown healthy increases. However, just like a coincidence of bad biorhythms, all three large soft markets have ended the year on a down note.

Sugar in particular inspired great expectations in the early part of the year when it was hoped that a substantial supply deficit could eat into world stocks. But the year ended with the US announcing a 41 per cent cut in import quotas for 1987 - a devastating blow for many of its impoverished Third World suppliers.

The cocoa world managed to restore our faith in commodity pacts, badly dented by last year's tin disaster, by hammering out an agreement in Geneva during the summer. But without US membership, a prospective production surplus in 1986-87 and huge amounts of cocoa in the pact's buffer stock, prices are once again on a bearish tack.

Coffee prices are also on the slippery slope downwards and have ended the year about 40 per cent below their peak. As in base metals, consumers have again shown their ability to live from hand to mouth and have refused to be panicked by reports of drought in Brazil or indeed the shenanigans of the Brazilian Coffee Institute. There is, it transpires, plenty of coffee of Brazil.

Come to think of it, there is plenty of most commodities everywhere.

Change at Viking Packaging

Viking Packaging Group: Mr Martin Thompson is now financial director and company secretary.

Canadian: Mr Richard Hall is made director and general manager.

Associated Book Publishers: Mr Michael Turner becomes deputy group chairman, Mr David Evans deputy group managing director and



Mr William Mackellar, Mr Richard Sileman and Mr Alan Turnbull directors.

McKeechie Brothers: Mr CG Barr is made managing director of Gecco Products and Mr BA Berry has rejoined Declan as production director.

Lazard Securities: Mr Philip Darwall-Smith, Mr Christopher Edge, Miss Avril Griffiths and Miss Patricia Maxwell-Arnot are made directors.

Financial Print & Communications: Mr Keith Leathers joins as financial director, Mr Job Bonney becomes group sales and marketing director and Mr Mike Bankick sales director.

Advest Group: Mr Ted Jones has joined the board. Lancashire Enterprises: Mr David Taylor has been named managing director.

Hongkong Land switch

Hongkong Land, the Crown colony's largest property company, is to restructure its property board after the demerger of Dairy Farm and that proposed for the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group.

post previously held by Mr David Davies who resigned in July.

There will be two new board appointments. Mr Tony Wareham will be the director of property management with Mr Jonathan Pett becoming the director of leasing. These appointments follow the resignation of Mr Jeremy Priestley, the managing director of leasing and management.

Mr Simon Keswick remains chairman with Mr Nigel Rich becoming chief executive officer. Mr Andrew Denman will be chief operating officer, a

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 18
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	81.52	81.54	81.51	81.52	352
Jun 87	81.52	81.52	81.52	81.52	352
Sep 87	81.52	81.52	81.52	81.52	352
Dec 87	81.52	81.52	81.52	81.52	352

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
London 24	1.4585-1.4595	0.38-0.35prem	1.58-1.53prem
New York	1.4540-1.4550	0.50-0.47prem	2.72-2.47prem
Frankfurt	2.0040-2.0100	1.15-1.10prem	2.50-2.40prem
Paris	2.2510-2.2520	1.15-1.10prem	2.50-2.40prem
Geneva	2.2510-2.2520	1.15-1.10prem	2.50-2.40prem
Zurich	2.2510-2.2520	1.15-1.10prem	2.50-2.40prem

UNIT TRUSTS

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With over nine hundred unit trusts available and more being launched each month, how do you know which to choose? In reality there are only three basic types of unit trust, and M&G has an outstandingly successful example of each: Recovery Fund for capital growth, Dividend Fund for an increasing income, and SECOND General for a balance between income and growth.

You should remember that new funds or funds which suffer a change of management are likely to be more of a gamble than those which can point to a long and successful record. M&G's investment team has remained largely unchanged for many years, and our long-term performance record reflects this. Past performance cannot be a guarantee for the future, but it is usually the best measure you have of a fund's likelihood of achieving its objective.

We are offering an extra 1% unit allocation if you invest £1,000 or more and 2% if you invest £10,000 or more per Fund.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are a long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

Income DIVIDEND FUND

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and aims to provide above average and increasing income and a yield about 50% higher than the FT Actuaries All Share Index.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	£398	£536	£10,000	£10,000
1970	463	850	10,760	10,000
1975	828	371	16,300	10,000
1980	1,650	1,200	24,290	10,000
1985	2,278	907	65,180	10,000
1 Dec '86	2,680	740	82,600	10,000

Balanced SECOND GENERAL

M&G SECOND General Trust Fund aims for consistent growth of both capital and income and has a 30-year performance record which is second to none. It has a wide spread of shares mainly in British companies.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	FT ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	25,520	20,080	12,293	22,420
1965	31,320	16,280	13,462	15,053
1970	46,480	30,520	17,143	21,636
1975	79,840	39,640	33,107	31,651
1980	135,410	51,600	62,464	49,931
1985	546,000	176,240	85,918	75,580
1 Dec '86	716,480	205,530	88,730	84,535*

NOTE: All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are net of 1% above the average of the sales interest in each year (source: Building Society Association). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	FT ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
1970	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1975	26,400	11,221	21,283	16,178
1980	38,560	17,257	25,523	25,523
1985	57,080	25,224	35,223	40,164
1 Dec '86	58,120	57,697	57,041	43,208*

NOTE: All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are net of 1% above the average of the sales interest in each year (source: Building Society Association). M&G Recovery fund figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

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FAMILY MONEY 1

Take-off time for PEPs

The official start date of January 1 for Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) is now just days away and the market is beginning to shape up after the lukewarm reception given by the institutions to PEPs when the Chancellor Nigel Lawson first announced their introduction in his 1986 Budget.

Share Index on a lump sum of just £2,400. Then there is the general caveat that S&P itself highlights and that is that past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The value of shares, and the income from them, can go down as well as up.



Mark Daniel at Equitable good investment coordinator

WHAT IS A PEP?

As from January 1 everyone aged 18 and over will be able to invest up to £2,400 a year (£200 a month) in ordinary shares of UK companies listed on the Stock Exchange or in USM companies; up to £420 or 25 per cent of the investment (whichever is the higher) may be put into authorized unit trusts or investment trust companies.

minumum period has elapsed, he will lose the tax relief, and any capital gain and dividend income will be taxed in the usual way. Plans will operate on a calendar year basis. An investment will be treated as having entered a plan in the calendar year in which it is first used to buy shares.

list compiled by the Inland Revenue in mid-December, no fewer than 127 organizations had registered themselves as plan managers, authorized to deal in securities.

Among the pace-setters here are likely to be Equitable Life, Fidelity and Prudential. Equitable's Mark Daniel can boast an enviable track record of providing value for money on the company's regular premium endowment insurance contracts and both Fidelity and Prudential usually show up well in the unit trust performance league tables.

Table titled 'SELECTION OF PEP SCHEMES' with columns for Plan Manager, Charges (Initial and first year, Annual), and Investment Limits (Minimum, Maximum). Lists various schemes from Barclays Bank, Brokers Financial Services, and others.

Charges subject to the addition of VAT, exempt stamp duty. Certain plans allow some of their charges to be payable in addition to the maximum of £2,400. (a) £80 Initial. (b) End of second and third year 0.5% of mid-year value.

Source: Richards Longstaff

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Large table listing various unit-linked insurance investments. Columns include Bid Offer, Weekly chng, and Weekly chng Ytd. Lists numerous schemes from providers like Prudential, Equitable, and Fidelity.

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FAMILY MONEY/2

Home sweet home . . . for the taxman

CAPITAL GAINS

Our house is now too big for us and we are thinking of letting the basement, which amounts to a quarter of the property. Does this mean we shall eventually have to pay a substantial capital gains tax bill? DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY advise

Freedom from capital gains tax (CGT) on your home has always been regarded as one of the most important exemptions since the tax was introduced in 1965. And if you let part of your home, there is a strong possibility that you are opening the door to CGT. But how great is this danger in reality?

The basic rule is that your main residence is not subject to CGT, unless you cease to occupy all or part of it for any period - in which case, a proportion of your total gain could be subject to tax. Any gains accruing before 1965 are ignored and so, generally, are the last 24 months.

The total gain on which the calculation is based is the sale proceeds less the costs of acquisition, as well as expenditure on any capital improvements and the costs of disposal, such as the agent's commission.

Most people usually forget to retain records of their home improvements, because it never occurs to them that a chargeable gain might ever arise on their homes.

Then, when circumstances change and they decide to let all or part of their home, it

becomes very important to be able to establish such costs, in order to cut down the potentially taxable amount. So you should always keep all bills for home improvements.

The CGT exemption on your home will be lost only if part of it is used exclusively by the tenant. Thus, when you have a lodger living as a member of your family, sharing accommodation and taking meals with you, the CGT exemption should not be affected.

If, however, you let an entire basement, it looks reasonably certain that the tenant is going to have exclusive use of it - perhaps as a self-contained flat. So in this case, CGT could be payable on a proportion of the total gain made on the house.

Various reliefs will reduce the charge

This proportion is calculated basically according to the length of time you let the property, in relation to the total period that you have owned it, and also in relation to the percentage of the house you have let.

So, for example, if you let 25 per cent of the property for six out of the 12 years in which you own the home, the taxable proportion is in principle: 25 per cent x 6/12 = 1/4 of the total gain.

Thus, if your total gain were, say, £100,000, then the taxable proportion would be one-eighth of this amount, that is, £12,500, and the tax would be £3,750.

Fortunately, there are various reliefs that will reduce, and quite possibly eliminate, this potential charge.

In the first place, there is the indexation relief which applies to gains accruing since March 1982 and revalues the base cost of every asset at March 1982 value, if you acquired it before that date.

So, for example, you bought your house this year for £200,000 and you sell it in a few years' time for £300,000. During the intervening period the Retail Price Index moves up 10 per cent. The total gain on your property would then be £100,000, less indexation relief of 10 per cent of £200,000, that is, £80,000.

If only one-eighth of this is taxable, then your potentially chargeable gain is £10,000 and your tax bill is £3,000 - a saving of £750 on the earlier figure.

The corollary is that henceforth, if your property increases in value faster than the general rise in prices as measured by the RPI, then you should not pay any CGT on a gain.

In the past, this would have held true for many parts of the country such as most of Scotland and the North of England, but it would not have been the case in London and the South of England.

Another important factor is the CGT small gains exemption, which for the current tax year is £6,300 per individual or married couple and which will probably be indexed in future years. The first £6,300 of gain would be free of tax, unless your exemption had already been used for other chargeable gains during the year.

There is, however, a very specific CGT relief for people who let part of their homes. This applies where you rent part of your home to a

residential tenant. In other words, it does not apply if you rent off a room for the purposes of a business.

The taxman is very particular that you should not claim this relief for a property that is not part of your own home. The normal case which should qualify would be, say, a set of rooms that might have their own kitchen and bathroom but which required little or no structural alteration in order to be let.

The Inland Revenue would not allow the relief where you split a house into two separate cottages with their own entrances. And, indeed, if your flat has its own separate access from the road, it would not qualify for the relief.

Keep a note of all expenditure

worth having, for it can be up to half the value of your total gain on the property - with a maximum relief of £20,000 of gain.

If you want to save as much CGT as possible, then you should:

- Retain a note of all your expenditure on improving your property, because that would count towards increasing your base cost and indexation relief.
● Make sure that the section of your home that you let remains an integral part of your property and, in particular, does not have its own access to the street. This may be a less convenient arrangement, but it could be a lot more tax-efficient.



Good start for quids-in kids

Wondering what to advise your godson or granddaughter to do with that £50 he or she has accumulated over Christmas? The banks and building societies will be more than willing to offer a helpful suggestion, usually running along the lines of "Get little Matthew or Sarah Jane to open an account with us. Yes, we know it will turn them into taxpayers on the interest they earn but it will get them into the saving habit and we also have free goodies to entice them."

One of the best on offer is the Griffin Savers Account from Midland Bank. It is available to savers aged from seven to 16 on an initial deposit of at least £10 and pays a current net interest rate of 8.4 per cent. But more important than the precise rate of interest is the selection of goodies that a Griffin saver gets. This includes sports bag, geometry set, dictionary and an action file, which can do as a science notebook or a secret diary.

Party game

UK investors should choose income funds in 1987, according to Dylan Evans, investment marketing director of the Target unit trust and insurance group. Mr Evans reckons that, assuming there is a general election, the yield offers protection from the uncertainties beforehand, and income funds should be strong afterwards, whichever party is in power.



Dylan Evans: optimistic

The market will rise with a Tory victory, argues Mr Evans, thus benefiting any portfolio of large, highly marketable stocks. If Labour wins and makes overseas investment more expensive, UK income funds, with a portfolio of good, low-risk companies, should do well. Target's view is that the UK stock market is probably 10 per cent below where it would otherwise be because election jitters are compounding the traditional New Year nervousness over oil prices.



Little winner

The best interest-rate deals often come from small building societies and a new 18-month bond from the Walthamstow is no exception. On a minimum investment of £3,000 and a maximum of £30,000, this society is offering an 18-month bond at an initial interest rate of 10.3 per cent. This is payable at the end of the 18-month term and is equivalent to a compounded annual rate of 9.97 per cent. There is a guarantee that the rate will remain at least 4 per cent above the prevailing contractual ordinary share rate. Immediate access to your money is available but with a 90-day loss of interest on the money withdrawn.

The Walthamstow aims to attract £15 million into this account. That may sound a lot of money but do not be surprised if it reaches this target within three months, then either closes the offer or revises the rate downwards for new savers.

Details: Walthamstow Building Society, 889 Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4BB (01-531 3231).

Pension boost

An additional voluntary contribution sounds like something you deserve after too much cold turkey and reheated Christmas pudding. A powerful it may be, but in fact an AVC, as it is known in the pensions world, is a form of retirement planning which should be seriously considered by everyone in pensionable employment, especially those within 10 years of retirement.

AVCs are a means by which employees can top up their contributions to existing company sponsored pension arrangements to the permitted maximum of 15 per cent of earnings. They are probably the most tax-efficient way to supplement pension benefits and provide a more financially secure retirement. Commercial Union has now confirmed that it is making available both its unit-linked managed fund and its with-profits fund in connection with AVCs. If you are interested in topping up your pension expectations in this way, you will need your employer's co-operation. But from April 1988 employees will have this option as of right.

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The real value of a spring move

PROPERTY

Foreigners live in lots of places, but Englishmen live at home. Whether castle or cottage, our property often represents our largest personal investment and, as with shares, its value is set not only by demand but by performance as well.

The latter point is less keenly appreciated than the former, but will become plain to the point of shock when the market wakes from its Christmas hibernation to a clamour of instructions to sell.

Many intending vendors are just waiting until after the festive season to start the chain which will, they hope, end with completion in time for the traditionally favoured "spring move".

In addition to customary frustrations caused by buyers' mortgage problems and last-minute reversals, their plans will be vulnerable to that apparently vague, elusive factor known to estate agents as "saleability".

Definitions of this vary, but it is generally influenced by price, age, area — and condition. This in turn is a misunderstood aspect, neglect of which can render quite academic any expectation of a neatly-timed move.

For sale purposes, condition can mean literally everything from structural soundness to psychological appeal — or, equally important, lack of it.

"Most purchasers decide to buy a property within a few minutes of their first inspection and it is, therefore, first impressions that count more than anything else," says Graham Brown, of northern Home Counties' estate agents Brown & Merry.

He and his colleagues believe the essentials are for a property to be put into smart decorative order and for kitchen, bathroom and garden to be well presented. They say many a sale is lost before the buyer even enters a house because its exterior and gardens show signs of neglect.

Philip Crosthwaite, of London international agents Knight, Frank & Rutley, is even more forthright about



A humble home, but still an Englishman's castle: it fetches the right price if treated well

first impressions: "It is quite amazing the number of places we go into that smell of breakfast, or of a dog that's been asleep on the sofa. We're speaking of houses and flats worth £100,000 upwards in Kensington and Chelsea.

Advice leaflet to help vendors

"If you go into a house and it's dirty, untidy and smelly, you immediately discount the price in your own mind, or say, 'I don't want it at any price'."

East Anglian agents Watsons are so concerned about such aspects that they are producing an advice leaflet to assist vendors.

Estate agents everywhere are unanimous on the sale-enhancing value of a clean,

tidy and fresh-smelling property, repainted and re-papered where necessary in simple, inoffensive colours — "builders' magnolia" will do — and well maintained, even to the point of remedying un-hinged doors, scuffed skirting boards, dripping taps and cracked window panes.

Total redecoration just before sale is questionable. Besides, surveyors' suspicions about possible hidden defects may be aroused.

On the other hand, a property needing complete refurbishment and modernization can command at least as much interest as a similar place that has been well maintained, because the potential buyers perceive the possibility of grants available that will allow them to pay more for it than its "true" value.

What of that much debated issue concerning the add-on value of home improvements?

Buyers of property in the middle and upper reaches normally expect to find full central heating, cavity wall insulation, double glazing and

Extravagances in the garden

fitted kitchens and bathrooms. The absence of such items is regarded as a minus to be reflected in the price offered, says Ian Littlewood, director of southern England agents Everett Massoo & Furby.

First-time buyers, however, are resigned to having to carry out certain installations to improve the value of their properties, he adds.

The most popular installations since 1981 have been double glazing or replacement windows, fitted by 36 per cent of respondents to a recent Building Societies Association survey. The other leading favourites are revamped kitchens and bathrooms and, lower down, central heating.

This order might well have been reversed if home-owners had been more aware of agents' consensus view that whereas a wet, radiator central heating system, preferably gas-fired, always improves the value of a property by the cost of installation plus possibly 5 per cent, double-glazed units will add only a very small percentage of their average £3,500 capital outlay to the sale price.

An upgraded kitchen nearly always recoups its total replacement cost, although vendors often overspend on units that simply do not possess wide appeal. Similar extravagances go on in the garden, when buyers are usually interested solely in size and ease of maintenance.

Definite no-no's are large patios and swimming pools — the latter can actually detract from the sale value.

In summary, home improvements make a property in any area more attractive to prospective buyers, especially when these provide advantages over others that are similarly priced.

Yet they will not necessarily add value and should be undertaken for the owner's enjoyment, not solely for ultimate profit. The outlay may be recouped only with inflation and the rising prices of property.

This process now takes at least two years, much longer in low-demand areas, such as Scotland and the North-East, and is making some vendors impatiently greedy enough to risk prosecution by cutting out instructed agents, while selling only on condition that buyers purchase their contents at grossly inflated prices.

Nicholas Cole



Peace in the library: for many a student a covenant can make the college years anxiety-free

The deeds that count

COVENANTS

Most people think it would be easier to get blood out of a stone than to win back income tax from the Inland Revenue.

A covenant makes it much easier, says AMANDA PARDOE

A deed of covenant provides a simple and tax-efficient way to transfer income. Consequently, it is most widely used for the benefit of charities and students.

For charities, it is much better to receive covenanted payments than an outright gift. This is because charities are not subject to tax, and can therefore claim back the basic rate income tax on the payments made under the covenant.

The payer can benefit from favourable tax treatment too, as the Inland Revenue deducts the covenanted sum from the payer's total income before calculating the liability for

Linked to the single person's allowance

higher rate tax. And there is no limit to the covenanted amount qualifying for this relief.

As far as students are concerned, a covenant is well worth considering. After all, most parents have to make a contribution towards their son's or daughter's grant, so why not ease the burden?

Assuming that the student has no other income — and that includes vacation earnings — the covenant should be linked to the single person's allowance, currently £2,335. In this way, if a net covenant is made for £1,657.85, the student will be able to reclaim £677.15 from the Revenue, which is the maximum tax recoverable.

There are, however, a couple of points to watch. First, if the covenanted payments are made on a termly basis, it is unlikely that in the first tax year the full sum under covenant will have been paid, and so the full rebate will not be received by the student. So, to be on the safe side, it is wise to make one annual payment.

Another factor is the student's age and status. Students who are over 24 or who have supported themselves for three years before the course, are classed as "independent", which means that the grant-awarding body takes into account any covenanted income when assessing the grant application.

If the covenant is to work at all, the student has to have reached 18, as parents cannot covenant minors. Unmarried children under 18, however, are still entitled to the single person's allowance.

Moreover, they can receive covenanted payments from friends or relatives other than their parents. In fact, a deed of covenant is ideally suited to grandparents who want to help with the upbringing of their grandchildren by contributing towards school trips, the cost of their uniform or even school fees.

School fees, of course, are expensive, and the only effective way to ease the burden is to plan ahead. By using a deposited deed of covenant, a grandparent can make a single lump sum payment which can be used to set up either an educational trust or a capital plan. The tax relief is then recovered annually for the normal term of the covenant on the child's behalf.

Another way to save for a grandchild, is to direct covenanted payments into a building society account. Alternatively, unit trusts may be bought. N.M. Rothschild Asset Management, for example, encourages grandparents to contribute to its Regular Savings Plan for their grandchildren.

To date, the plan has been available for just over a year, and of the 400-plus accounts opened, about 25 per cent are paid through a deed of covenant.

Young and old alike can benefit from a deed of covenant. For example, where an elderly relative's pension plan is less than his or her tax allowances, including the age allowance, covenanted payments are a good way to boost the income. However, in this situation, the covenanted income must not restrict any social security benefits being claimed.

Not surprisingly, regardless of who the recipient or the donor is, there are some general rules which must be observed in order to make a covenant effective for income tax purposes.

For a start, the deed must be drawn up correctly, and it must be capable of lasting for more than six years. One of the common misconceptions of a deed of covenant is that it must run for seven years, or four years in the case of a charity. In fact, a deed of covenant could be operated for any number of years.

But to qualify for tax relief the deed must be able to run longer than six years, or three years for a charity. So, to err on the side of caution, most covenants are drawn up to run

for seven or four years, respectively. Both parties can, however, agree to rescind the deed before the stated period without losing any income tax benefit already claimed.

Strictly speaking, the donor is free to decide on the amount of the covenant. However, to produce the maximum recoverable for a non-taxpayer, the optimum sum should be linked to the single person's allowance, as demonstrated earlier.

Although a deed of covenant is a legal document, which can be drawn up by a solicitor, there are standard forms available from the Revenue (IR47). Alternatively, most banks include forms in their student literature.

The document requires the name and address of both parties and the signature of a witness. Payment details and the amount have to be included, of course. This can be expressed either as a fixed gross sum, so that the amount payable alters when the basic tax rate changes, or a fixed net sum which remains constant.

Trustee claims on the child's behalf

The completed deed should then be sent to the tax inspector straight away.

In order to recover the tax paid, at the end of every tax year the grantor completes form R185(AP), and gives it to the recipient to forward to the Revenue. Where a student is the recipient, form R40(S) must also be completed. Where the recipient is a minor, a trustee is appointed (usually a parent), who claims on the child's behalf. It could not be easier!

On a cautionary note, however, although a covenant is simple enough to set up, a careless slip could result in a failed claim. If you are in any doubt, check with a solicitor.

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Buying abroad? Remember, it's not all sunshine

In the wintry limbo period between Christmas and the New Year, thoughts often turn to the joys of owning your own property on some sun-soaked island. But, as RODNEY HOBSON points out, there are many practical pitfalls to look out for

Envy is not green. It is tan. It is that golden brown colour that other people get on a Mediterranean beach outside the flat or villa they own and you don't.

But as with many other investments, there are those who believe only the glamour side of the story - soaring property values and free holidays.

They think that as long as you have the sense to stay clear of fly-by-night operators, buying foreign property is a gold mine that just cannot go wrong.

The reality is that, as with every investment that can offer a good return, there can also be problems. But what

ignorance of differences in national laws or customs, and the fact that you will see your property only intermittently. All the more reason to check out anything you can.

Be sceptical of company names and addresses.

The developers may be using a name of international repute but there could be no connection with that well-known firm. Possibly they were in the same group once, and the local company was spun off to local management, or perhaps the name was "borrowed" to deceive people such as you.

The Swiss-based management company that promises Swiss efficiency may have no more than a name plaque on a wall in Switzerland. For example, one such company with a head office address in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland was run by Italians over the border.

Assume that rental income will cover your mortgage.

Rentals are likely to be less than the developer claims and there will be periods when there is no let. Do not buy on mortgage unless you can cover the payments out of your salary. It is simply not true that rental will cover a 50 per cent mortgage, as the developer is likely to state.

Expect delays in letting your property.

Possible delays are caused by such items as the letting agency proving inefficient, the fridge being on the wrong voltage, the flat needing more furniture and crockery.

These difficulties take time to sort out, partly because you are not on the spot and partly because other people do not have your problem as their top priority.

Be prepared for heavy outgoings.

Even when your property is let, a substantial proportion of the rent will go as agency fees, community management fees and repairs. Regular use from people who do not take care of your property means regular bills for repairs and replacements.

If you do not keep your property up to standard, it becomes harder to let and tenants will take even less care of it.

You may not be able to get at the profits.

Until you sell your property, most of the potential profit is only on paper anyway. It is likely to be taxed and you may have difficulty repatriating the proceeds because of foreign control regulations in the country where your property is located.

Paying your own damages

INSURANCE

If you have to take proceedings for damages following an accident it can be a worrying time. The possibility that any judgment may not be paid will increase the anxiety.

Take the case of David Brown. He was walking in the lane near his home in the spring of 1985 when he was knocked to the ground by a man who was riding his bicycle carelessly.

Fortunately, Mr Brown was not seriously hurt but he did lose a couple of teeth as well as suffering cuts and bruises. He sued in the county court and was awarded £850 damages and his legal costs and that is when his troubles started.

The bicycle rider had no insurance and was impecunious. Though a whole armoury of enforcement methods is available, it was of no effect.

Mr Brown might have been left to savour his Pyrrhic victory were it not for a clause in the personal liability section of his household contents insurance policy which meant that his own insurance company paid the damages and costs.

This little known and often overlooked type of insurance is called variously reverse

liability, reverse damages personal liability, or irrevocable court awards, although it is not included in every household contents insurance policy or personal liability policy.

The effect of this clause is that if you suffered injury or damage to property, sued and obtained a court judgment that the person found liable cannot pay, then your own

Policy's exact terms are important

insurers will pay the damages awarded up to the maximum in the policy - usually £500,000 or £1 million. The payment will be made only if the liability section of your own policy would have covered you had the award been made against you rather than in your favour.

The sort of risk for which you - and generally members of your family living with you as well - are covered in the personal liability provisions in your household policy depends on the exact terms of the policy and varies from company to company, but it is surprisingly wide.

It can cover, for example, claims made for damage or personal injury caused by your domestic pet, or claims

against you or members of your family arising out of participation in some sports such as golf, angling, football or roller-skating.

It will even cover your liability if you negligently set fire to a barn while out picnicking.

But the personal liability provisions invariably do not cover your use of a motor vehicle. It is no substitute for motor insurance. So if you have an unpaid judgment against a motorist for damages arising from his negligent driving, any reverse liability clause in your own household contents policy will be of no use.

To recover damages after a road traffic accident the approach is quite different. For a start, most motorists do have motor insurance. Though the legal requirement is only to have insurance to cover personal injury to third parties, this bare minimum - the compulsory insurance - is not readily available from insurance companies. Most motorists have a policy that includes cover against damage to property as well as personal injury to third parties.

Therefore, if you are involved in an accident with an insured motorist you may think that if he is to blame there will be little difficulty in

obtaining recompense.

But the negligent motorist may refuse to notify his insurance company of the accident although he is covered. You may be left with no alternative but to take court proceedings against him. Immediately the question arises as to whether you will get your money.

If there are personal injuries the negligent motorist's insurance company will pay, even though it has not been told of the accident by the insured. The Road Traffic Act puts an obligation on the company - subject to limited exceptions - to pay any judgment obtained against the insured. But it will pay only if the liability is one which legally has to be covered by motor insurance - at present personal injury only - and if it is told of the court

Changes are now on the way

action either before it starts or within seven days.

If the claim is for anything other than personal injury, then as the law now stands, unless you can look to some insurance policy of your own, you will have to rely on getting the money from the negligent motorist - and that may be difficult.



People get hurt - but what if the driver could not pay?

This will be changing when the United Kingdom implements the Second European Community Motor Insurance Directive. The changes required to our laws have to be brought into effect by December 31, 1988, although the Government has said it hopes to bring them in much earlier. The most significant change will be the extension of the definition of compulsory motor insurance to cover damage to third party property as well as personal injury.

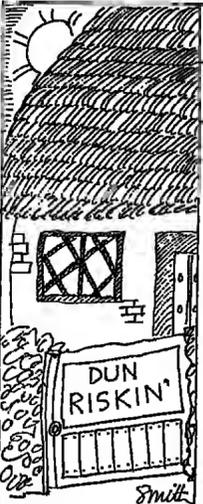
Once these changes are made the insurance companies will have to pay any judgment obtained against their insured for damage to property, as well as any damages for personal injury. There will still be some limited exceptions and notice of the

court action will still have to be given. Though, strictly speaking, the insurance company has to be involved only when court proceedings are about to start, in practical terms it should be sold of the situation as soon as there is a suspicion that the negligent motorist is not going to tell the insurers himself. If insurance details of the motorist were not given at the time of the accident, then in most cases they can be obtained from the police.

Frequently, once the insurance company has been told of the situation, its very involvement persuades the negligent motorist to complete an accident report form. The company will then usually deal with a claim in full.

Ian Brewer

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you can do is to minimize the risks. Here are a few tips.

Don't take anything on trust if you can avoid it.

The seller, the developer, the mortgage bank, the agency arranging rentals all have interests that are different from yours.

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WHERE YOUR MONEY SHOULD BE BY 3.30 PM, FRIDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1987!

Announcing the ultimate "ground floor" investment opportunity... a special launch offer of three new Commercial Union Unit Trusts at a fixed price of 50p per unit.

CU is pleased to announce the launch of three new Unit Trusts on 29th December, 1986... and a very special launch offer.

Until 16th January, 1987, you may purchase units in the new CU Unit Trusts at the fixed price of 50p per unit... and receive up to 40 units free for every £1,000 invested according to the sum you invest.

Announcing CU's three new Unit Trusts

1 CU Income Fund: This Fund is designed to provide maximum income immediately by investing in UK equities.

2 CU UK & General Fund: "Blue chip" UK equities will form the investment backbone of this Fund aiming to achieve a stable balance between capital growth and income.

3 CU Worldwide Special Situations Fund: The investment strategy behind this Fund is to exploit CU's international investment network, by seeking out attractive investments worldwide that offer dramatic growth potential.

The Intelligent Way to Invest in the Stockmarket

CU clearly recognises that not all investors have the same needs. CU's 3 new Unit Trusts are designed to meet the varied needs of CU investors. Each Fund invests in different types of companies, markets or countries to achieve these different investment goals.

Proven Performance: 151.65% in 45 Months!

The Funds will be managed by the same CU investment team that achieved 151.65% growth in the 45 months from its launch for investors in the CU 'Prime Life' UK Equity Fund!

Although the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up, we believe these three Unit Trusts will offer a solution to most investment goals.

£1,000 Minimum Investments...

You need only invest £1,000 to start... and can increase your investment at any time, up to any amount in increments of £1,000.

Why You Should Invest By 16th January, 1987

To take advantage of this 'ground floor' fixed price offer of 50p per unit... you must invest by 16th January, 1987.

In addition, any investments you make before 31st January, 1987, will qualify for extra units as follows: 20 free units for every £1,000 you invest up to £4,999... 30 free units for every thousand pounds invested between £5,000 and £9,999... and 40 free units for every £1,000 you invest over £10,000.

To invest in the three new CU Unit Trusts... and qualify for your fixed price offer and your free units... just return the coupon... to reach us no later than 16th January, 1987.

General Information Dealing in Units Units may normally be bought

or sold on any business day at prices and yields quoted in several national newspapers. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt of your instructions and certificates will be despatched within 28 days. Proceeds of sales will be sent out within 7 days of receipt by the Managers of the renounced certificate.

Fixed Prices

The Managers reserve the right to close the fixed price offer of units before 16th January 1987 if the unit price moves by more than 2 1/2%. After the close of the offer, units will be available at the daily quoted price.

Charges

An initial charge of 5% is included in the price of units. The annual charge is based on the value of the Fund and is 1% + VAT for UK & General and Income Funds, and 1 1/2% + VAT for Worldwide Special Situations Fund. The annual charges are deducted from the trusts' income. The 3 Trust Deeds permit a maximum annual charge of 2%, subject to 3 months written notice to unitholders.

Commission

Commission is payable to authorised professional advisors - rates are available on request.

Income

Unitholders have a choice of income or accumulation units. Income is paid to holders of income units on 31st January, 30th April, 31st July, 30th October for the Income Fund; 31st January, 31st July for the UK & General Fund and 28th February, 31st August for the Worldwide Special Situations

Fund. Income is accumulated for holders of accumulation units.

Yield Estimated gross yield at initial offer price of 5% Income Fund and 3 1/2% UK & General Fund and 2% Worldwide Special Situations Fund.

Managers

Commercial Union Trust Managers Limited (Members of the Unit Trust Association) Registered Office: St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ, England No. 2026410

Trustee

Midland Bank Trust Company Limited

Form for investing in CU Unit Trusts, including fields for name, address, investment amount, and a section for unitholder details.

Advertisement for James Capel & Co. regarding inheritance tax planning. Includes text: 'Now it's too late to ask James Capel to help you with Inheritance Tax' and 'Advice beyond price'.

Advertisement for PEP (Personal Equity Plan) and other financial services.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for Bid, Offer, Weekly Chng, and Ytd. Includes sections for UK Growth, UK Income, UK Dividend, and various international and specialty funds.

UNLISTED SECURITIES table with columns for High/Low, Company, Bid, Offer, Change, and % P/E. Lists various private companies and their market data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS table with columns for High/Low, Company, Bid, Offer, Change, and % P/E. Includes a COFFEE price chart and COMMODITIES section with prices for metals, grains, and livestock.

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against your daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Code or Issue. Lists various companies like Ribcrand, Woodward, BBA, etc.

Please take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Week Total

BRITISH FUNDS table with columns: High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Table listing short-term investments with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing medium-term investments with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing long-term investments with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %

UNDATED

Table listing undated investments with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %

INDEX-LINKED

Table listing index-linked investments with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Table listing bank discount investments with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Trend remains firm

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted) ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday, January 9. Contango day January 12. Settlement day January 19. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E are calculated on the middle price

BREWERIES

Table listing brewery companies like Allied-Lyons, GEC, etc.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Table listing building and road companies like BPC, Amstar, etc.

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Table listing chemical and plastic companies like ICI, etc.

CINEMAS AND TV

Table listing cinema and TV companies like Rank, etc.

DRAPERY AND STORES

Table listing drapery and store companies like Debenhams, etc.

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Table listing industrial companies A-D like BBA, etc.

ELECTRICALS

Table listing electrical companies like BSC, etc.

FINANCE AND LAND

Table listing finance and land companies like Abbey, etc.

FOODS

Table listing food companies like Borden, etc.

HOTELS AND CATERERS

Table listing hotel and caterer companies like Whitbread, etc.

INDUSTRIALS E-K

Table listing industrial companies E-K like BSC, etc.

INDUSTRIALS L-R

Table listing industrial companies L-R like BSC, etc.

INDUSTRIALS G-N

Table listing industrial companies G-N like BSC, etc.

INDUSTRIALS O-P

Table listing industrial companies O-P like BSC, etc.

INSURANCE

Table listing insurance companies like Axa, etc.

LEISURE

Table listing leisure companies like B&A, etc.

MINING

Table listing mining companies like Anglo, etc.

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

Table listing motor and aircraft companies like BSC, etc.

SHOES AND LEATHER

Table listing shoe and leather companies like BSC, etc.

TEXTILES

Table listing textile companies like BSC, etc.

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

Table listing newspaper and publisher companies like BSC, etc.

OIL

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Portfolio Gold

DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000 WEEKLY DIVIDEND £8,000 Claims required for +38 points Claims required for +109 points Claimants should ring 0254-53272

Table listing portfolio gold investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, %

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TOBACCO

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ARCHERY

Feb 6-8: European indoor championships, Paris
 Mar 22-25: World championships, Adelaide
 Apr 5: National indoor, RAF Cosford
 May 30-31: Field archery championships, Rhonda, Mid-Glamorgan
 June 13-14: UK Masters, Chorley
 Aug 6-8: British target championships, Lichfield

ATHLETICS

Jan 5-10: Cosford games
 Jan 23-24: National indoor championships, Cosford
 Jan 31: Peugeot Talbot indoor games, Cosford
 Feb 1: European cross country Cup for clubs, Cusona, Italy
 Feb 7-8: Hungary v UK, Budapest
 Feb 14: National women's cross country championships, Bodely
 Feb 21: National men's cross country championships, Luton
 Feb 27-28: European indoor championships, Lievin, France
 Feb 27-28: US indoor championships, New York
 Mar 6-8: World indoor championships, Indianapolis
 Mar 13: Kodak Classic, England v US, Cosford
 Mar 15: Dairy Crest invitation, Cosford
 Mar 20-21: AAA and WAAA Under-20 championships, Luton
 Mar 22: World cross country championships, Warsaw
 Apr 3: International cross country, Preston
 Apr 4: AAA 10km road race championship final, Hemel Hempstead
 Apr 11: World marathon Cup, Seoul, Korea
 Apr 25: AAA 12-stage road relay, Sutton Coldfield
 May 2-3: World race walking Cup, New York
 May 10: London marathon
 May 24-25: UK championships, Derby
 May 30-31: AAA and WAAA combined events championships, Stoke
 June 6-7: France v UK, Arles
 June 12: Kodak Classic, Gateshead; Bratislava meeting
 June 19-20: Scottish national championships, Moscowbank
 June 20: Dairy Crest international, Portsmouth
 June 27-28: European Cup final, Prague
 July 4-5: European Cup of combined events; men, Basle, women, Arles
 July 9-10: World Student Games, Zagreb
 July 10-11: Peugeot Talbot games, Crystal Palace
 July 11: British Rail Welsh Games, Swansea
 July 17: McVie's International, Birmingham
 July 18-19: AAA Under-20 championships, Birmingham
 July 20: Uster games, Belfast
 July 24-25: WAAA championships, Birmingham
 July 26: Pearl Assurance invitation, Gateshead
 July 31-Aug 1: AAA championships, Crystal Palace
 Aug 6-8: European junior championships, Birmingham
 Aug 12-13: Viareggio meeting international, Lichfield; Koblenz
 Aug 14: IAC international, Crystal Palace
 Aug 15-16: GRI Plate and Cup final, Birmingham
 Aug 22: Dairy Crest games, Crystal Palace
 Aug 29-Sept 6: World Championships, Rome
 Sept 11: IAAF Grand Prix final, Brussels
 Sept 13: McVie's challenge invitation, Crystal Palace
 Sept 14-16: Nike Playmakers international, Delhi
 Sept 15: International meeting of Lusitania
 Sept 20: Glasgow marathon
 Nov 21: Women's world 15km road race championships, Monaco
 Nov 28: McVie's challenge international cross country, Gateshead
 Dec 21: International cross country, Cardiff

BADMINTON

Jan 31: Carlsberg English national championships, Crawley
 Feb 17: England select v Scotland
 Feb 18-19: England v Denmark v Sweden
 Mar 11-12: Yonex All-England championships, Wembley Arena
 Apr 18: European junior championships
 May 18-24: World championships, Beijing, China

BASKETBALL

Jan 1-4: World Invitation Club Championships, Crystal Palace
 Mar 11: European Fitchest Cup final (women), Wiltshire

BOWLS

Mar 12: European Champions Cup final (women), Salonika, Greece
 Mar 17: European Cup Winners Cup final (men), Novi Sad, Yugoslavia
 Mar 18 and 25: Korac Cup Final (men)
 Mar 28: British Masters Final, Gateshead
 Apr 2: European Champions Cup final (men), Lausanne, Switzerland
 Apr 3-4: Carlsberg National championships, Wembley Arena
 June 1-7: European Championship finals (men), Greece

BOBSLEIGHING

Jan 1-4: Nations Cup (Four-man), Igls
 Jan 10-12: World championships, St Moritz
 Jan 21-22: Coppa d'Acosta, Cortina
 Jan 23-24: European championships, Cortina

BOXING

Feb 7-15: World indoor men's singles championship, Coarbridge
 Mar 2-6: English women's indoor championships, Northampton
 Mar 9-13: British men's indoor championships, Aberdeen
 Mar 16-19: British women's indoor championships, Ayr
 Mar 22-28: World indoor men's pairs championship, Soursheim
 Apr 6-11: English men's indoor championships, Hartlepool
 Apr 12: Indoor cup championship final, Hartlepool
 May 29-31: Gateway Masters, Worthing
 June 29-Jul 1: British women's international, Jordanstown
 Jul 2: British women's championships, Jordanstown
 Jul 6-10: British men's championships and international, Jordanstown
 Aug 10-15: English women's championships, Leamington Spa
 Aug 10-21: English men's championships, Worthing
 Aug 15-18: Men's chamber of champions tournament, venue to be announced
 Sept 13: Kodak men's Under-20 championship, Worthing
 Sept 19-20: National mixed pairs championship, venue to be announced
 Oct 12-17: Liverpool Insurance indoor Superbowl, Manchester
 Oct 31-Nov 8: UK men's indoor singles championship, Preston

CRICKET

Jan 4: Australia v West Indies
 Jan 5: England v Pakistan
 Jan 7: Final
 England tour
 Jan 16-15: Australia v England, fifth Test, Sydney
 World Series Cup
 Jan 17: England v West Indies, Adelaide
 Jan 18: Australia v England, Brisbane
 Jan 20: Australia v West Indies, Adelaide
 Jan 22: Australia v England, Sydney
 Jan 24: England v West Indies, Adelaide
 Jan 25: Australia v West Indies, Adelaide
 Jan 26: Australia v England, Adelaide
 Jan 27: Australia v West Indies, Sydney
 Jan 30: England v West Indies, Melbourne
 Jan 31: Australia v England, Melbourne
 Feb 3: England v West Indies, Devonport
 Feb 6: Australia v West Indies, Sydney
 Feb 8: First final, Melbourne
 Feb 11: Second final, Sydney
 Feb 12: Third final (if required), Melbourne
 Other overseas fixtures
 Jan 3-8: India v Sri Lanka, third Test, Cuttack
 Jan 10: India v Sri Lanka, one-day international, Gauhati
 Jan 12: India v Sri Lanka, one-day international, Delhi
 Jan 14: India v Sri Lanka, one-day international, Jaipur
 Jan 17: India v Sri Lanka, one-day international, Tiruvandur
 Jan 27: India v Pakistan, one-day international, Indore
 Jan 30-Feb 4: India v Pakistan, first Test, Ahmedabad
 Feb 11-16: India v Pakistan, second Test, Calcutta
 Feb 18: India v Pakistan, one-day international, Calcutta
 Feb 20-24: New Zealand v West Indies, first Test, Wellington
 Feb 21-25: India v Pakistan, first Test, Jaipur
 Feb 27-Mar 3: New Zealand v West Indies, second Test, Auckland
 Mar 4-8: India v Pakistan, fourth Test, Chandigarh
 Mar 12-16: New Zealand v West Indies, third Test, Christchurch
 Mar 13-18: India v Pakistan, fifth Test, Bangalore
 Mar 18: New Zealand v West Indies, one-day international, Dunedin
 Mar 20: India v Pakistan, one-day international, Jamshedpur
 Mar 22: New Zealand v West Indies, one-day international, Christchurch
 English season
 Mar 22: National indoor six-a-side club championship finals, Lord's
 Apr 18: First-class season begins
 Apr 22-24: MCC v Essex, Lord's

CROQUET

May 28-31: County championships, Southwick
 Jun 5-7: Home internationals, Guildford
 June 14-20: Men's and women's championships, Cheltenham
 Jul 11-12: Junior championships
 Jul 11-18: Open championships, Hurlingham
 Sept 5-6: All-England area finals
 Sept 8-12: President's Cup, Hurlingham
 Sept 15-20: Peel Memorials, West Park
 Sept 20: Longmen Cup final, venue to be announced
 Sept 27-29: All-England final, Colchester

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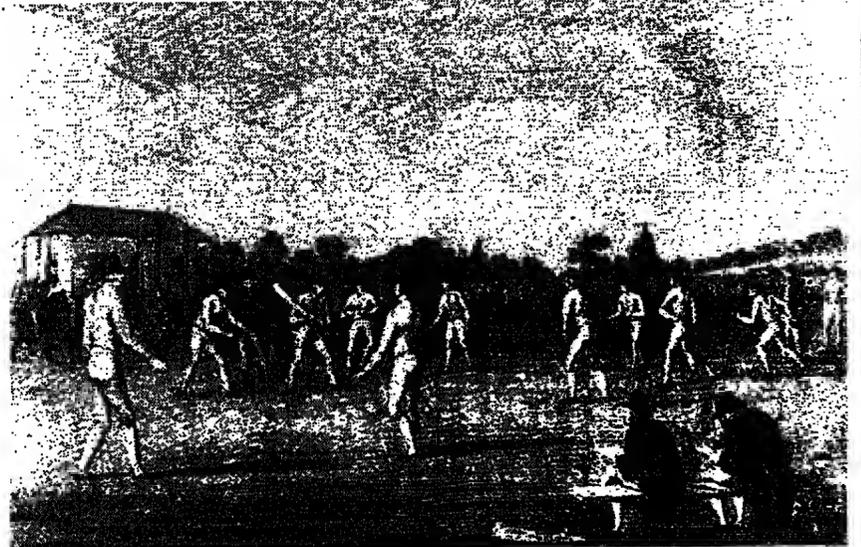
Jan 17: Gold Top Champions Cup, Albert Hill
 Jan 11: Vitalite, Wembley Arena
 May 3: Thomson Television Junior Gymnast of the Year final, Wembley Arena
 May 18-25: European Championships, Moscow
 Jun 12: Netball 18 Cup
 Jun 18-25: European gymnastics and sports acrobatics display, Crystal Palace
 Oct 19-25: World Championships, Rotterdam, Holland
 Oct 31-Nov 1: Daily Mirror British national championships, Alexandra Palace
 Dec 18-22: World Gymnastics International, Wembley Arena

HANGLING

Jan 26-27: Australian World Masters, Mount Buffalo
 May 2-4: British women's championship, Harrogate, Yorkshire
 May 23-Jun 6: Austrian Championships, Innsbruck
 Jun 8-15: Lariano triangle, Como, Italy
 Jul 4-10: French league finals, and the Ezer Cup, Hungary
 Jul 19-26: Women's world championships, Millax, France (provisional)
 Aug 16-20: British Cup, GB v France, Sheffield
 Aug 22-25: British league final, Penrith
 Sept 4-10: US Masters, Grand Father mountain, Linville, North Carolina

HOCKEY

Women
 Jan 9-10: Home Countries indoor tournament, Cardiff
 Feb 28-Mar 1: Home Countries



Early days: the only known print of cricket on Thomas Lord's first ground, which he opened at Dorset Fields in 1787

Celebration of an undefeated 200

By Marcus Williams

Two events will make 1987 a special year in the world of cricket. The first, at Lord's in August, is a five-day match involving 22 of the game's best players to celebrate MCC's bicentenary, the second, in October and November, is the fourth World Cup, which will be staged in India and Pakistan.

The Lord's match on August 20 to 25 will be the high point of the festivities marking the 200th birthday of the most famous cricket club and ground in the world. The talent likely to be assembled for the occasion will be as great as any for a single match throughout the ground's distinguished history.

MCC's team will be chosen from all players performing in English cricket in 1987, both from home and overseas, so the likes of Greenidge, Marshall, Hadlee and the young Zimbabwean, Hick, could be seen alongside Gatting, Boyan and Gower and other England players.

Three English-based overseas players not chosen by MCC will be eligible for the Rest of the World, who will be captained by Allan Border, of Australia, and managed by Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies captain. Cricket followers will have

the added attraction of a competition to predict the composition of the sides. Most of the cricketers appearing in the MCC Bicentenary match will be in the Indian sub-continent a few weeks later to represent their countries in the World Cup, which is being played for the first time outside England. It opens on October 8 and lasts for just over a month.

The seven Test-playing countries are joined by Zimbabwe, winners of the ICC Trophy for the smaller cricketing nations in England last summer and worthy conquerors of Australia in the opening round of matches in the last World Cup in 1983. Matches will be of 50 overs a side, the few hours of daylight in India and Pakistan causing a reduction in the 60 overs played in England, and the champions will receive £30,000 and the Indian sponsor's.

India caused a still barely credible upset in the last final when they defeated the mighty West Indies by 43 runs at Lord's, and there will be fervent local hopes of them taking taking their place in the final this time at a teeming Eden Gardens, Calcutta, on November 8.

Home advantage must make India favourites to reach the semi-finals from Group A, in which New Zealand and Australia may well out Australia as the second qualifiers. West Indies, winners of the first two World Cups in 1975 and 1979, will be expected to win Group B, which is mostly being played in Pakistan.

England and Pakistan will battle for the second semi-final place from that group, with England opening their campaign in the hardest possible way against West Indies on October 9. England's next three matches are also in Pakistan and then they go to India for the return matches against West Indies at Jaipur on October 23 and against Sri Lanka at Poona on October 27.

Later in the winter England will be back in Pakistan for a Test series, going on to New Zealand and briefly to Australia for a Test match to celebrate that country's bicentennial.

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WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Group A	Group B
Oct 9: India v Australia, Nagpur	Oct 8: Pakistan v Sri Lanka, Rawalpindi
Oct 10: New Zealand v Zimbabwe, Hyderabad	Oct 9: Sri Lanka v West Indies, Karachi
Oct 13: Australia v Zimbabwe, Madras	Oct 10: Pakistan v West Indies, Lahore
Oct 14: India v New Zealand, Bangalore	Oct 11: England v Sri Lanka, Peshawar
Oct 17: India v Zimbabwe, Bombay	Oct 12: Pakistan v England, Karachi
Oct 18: Australia v New Zealand, Indore	Oct 13: Sri Lanka v Sri Lanka, Kandy
Oct 22: India v Australia, Delhi	Oct 14: Pakistan v Sri Lanka, Faisalabad
Oct 23: New Zealand v Zimbabwe, Calcutta	Oct 15: England v West Indies, Jaipur
Oct 26: India v Zimbabwe, Ahmedabad	Oct 16: Sri Lanka v England, Poona
Oct 27: Australia v New Zealand, Chandigarh	Oct 17: Pakistan v West Indies, Karachi
Oct 31: India v New Zealand, Nagpur	Final
Nov 8: Pakistan v Sri Lanka, Rawalpindi	Nov 8: Calcutta

GLIDING

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 June 27-28: Competition in the Airfield, Dinnel, Aberdeen
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 Aug 1-3: 15 metre national championships, Husbans Bosworth Airfield, nr Lutworth, Leics

GLIDING

Jan 8-11: President's Putter, Rye
 Mar 6: Berkhams Trophy, Berkhams
 Mar 17-18: Avia Women's Foursumers, The Berkshire
 Mar 19-22: Moroccan Open, Rabat
 Apr 18-19: US Masters, Augusta National, Georgia
 May 1: Royal Society Open, Launceston
 May 2-3: Lytham Trophy, Royal Lytham and St Annes
 May 7-10: Epson Grand Prix, St Albans
 May 14-17: Peugeot Spanish Open, Las Brisas, nr Malaga
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EQUESTRIANISM

Mar 11-17: World dressage cup final, Essen
 Apr 9-12: Volvo World Cup final, Paris-Satory
 Apr 12: Badminton three-day event, Glos
 Apr 28-May 3: Rome Nations Cup
 May 14-17: Royal Windsor Horse Show, Windsor Great Park
 May 22-24: Windsor horse trials, Windsor Great Park
 May 28-31: Everest Nations Cup, Hicstead, Bramham horse trials, Wetherby, Yorks
 Jan 18-21: Royal International Horse Show, NEC, Birmingham
 July 6-8: Royal Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire

Mar 8: Men's sabre team championships, Cambridge Heath
 Mar 20-23: British Women's Olympic tournament, Moor Hall
 May 22-25: Whyte & Mackay PCA championship, Wentworth
 May 27-28: Walker Cup, Sunningdale (Old)
 May 27-30: Ulster Women's Volkswagen Classic, Ballyvoile Park
 May 28-31: London Standard Four Stars, Moor Park
 Jun 1-4: Amateur championship, Prestwick and Prestwick St Nicholas
 Jun 3-6: McEwan's Women's Wines Classic, Cady
 Jun 4-7: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn
 Jun 9-13: British Women's amateur championship, Royal St David's
 Jun 11-14: Peugeot French Open, to be announced
 Jun 14-16: Berkshire Trophy, The Berkshire
 Jun 18-21: US Open, Olympic Club, San Francisco
 Jun 24-27: Wilson Club Pro championship, Sandway
 Jul 2-5: Carrolls Irish Open, Portmarnock
 Jul 6: Open Championship regional qualifying, various courses
 Jul 6-11: Bell's Scottish Open, Glenisles
 Jul 9-12: European Women's team championships, Turberville
 Jul 12-13: Open Championship final qualifying, Gullane, Longniddry, Luffness and North Berwick
 Jul 18-19: Open Championship, Muirfield
 Jul 22-23: Caris Trophy, Moor Park
 Jul 25-26: Bloor Homes Women's Eastleigh Classic, Fleming Park
 Jul 29-30: British Seniors Open, Haversham
 Jul 27-Aug 1: English amateur championships, Fritford Heath
 Aug 1-4: British Women's Open, venue to be announced
 Aug 6-8: US PGA championship, PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
 Aug 10-14: Boys' championship, Kilmarnock
 Aug 12-14: English Women's amateur stroke play championship, Northumberland
 Aug 16-18: Benson and Hedges International, Futuro
 Aug 20-22: Youth Championship, Hollinwell
 Aug 20-22: Lawrence Batley International, Royal Berkshire
 Aug 25-28: British Women's amateur stroke play championship, Purdie Heath, Ipswich
 Aug 27-30: German Open, Stuttgart
 Sept 3-6: Ebel European Masters, Crans-sur-Sierra
 Sept 4-5: English Champion Club tournament, County
 Sept 9-11: Home internationals, Lichfield
 Sept 10-13: Panasonic European Open, Walton Heath, Surrey
 Sept 16-18: Home Women's internationals, Ashburnham
 Sept 24-27: Laing Women's Classic, Stoke Poges
 Sept 25-27: British Women's amateur stroke play championship, Northumberland
 Oct 1-4: Dunhill Cup, St Andrews
 Oct 1-4: James Capel Guernsey Open, Royal Guernsey
 Oct 22-24: Commonwealth Trophy, Christchurch, New Zealand

FOOTBALL

Jan 10/11: FA Cup, third round
 Jan 12: Littlewoods Cup, fifth round
 Jan 31/1 Feb 1: FA Cup, fourth round
 Feb 11: Littlewoods Cup, semi-finals, first leg
 Feb 18: Scotland v Republic of Ireland, European championship; Spain v England, friendly
 Feb 21/22: FA Cup, fifth round
 Feb 25: Littlewoods Cup, semi-finals, second leg
 Mar 14/15: FA Cup, sixth round
 Apr 5: Northern Ireland v England, Wales v Finland, Bulgaria v Republic of Ireland, Belgium v Scotland, European championship
 Apr 5: UEFA Cup final, first leg
 May 9: FA Trophy final, Wembley
 May 13: European Cup winners' Cup final
 May 18: FA Cup final, Wembley
 May 19: England v Brazil, Rous Cup
 May 20: UEFA Cup final, second leg
 May 23: Scotland v England, Rous Cup
 May 27: European Champions' Cup final
 May 28: Luxembourg v Republic of Ireland, European championship
 Aug 1: FA Charity Shield, Wembley
 Aug 8/9: Football League season starts, Wembley
 Aug 15: Football League season starts
 Sept 3: Wales v Denmark, Republic of Ireland v Luxembourg, European championship; West Germany v England, friendly
 Oct 4: Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland, England v Turkey, Denmark v Wales, Scotland v Belgium, Republic of Ireland v Bulgaria, European championship
 Nov 11: Yugoslavia v England, Northern Ireland v Turkey, Czechoslovakia v Wales, Bulgaria v Scotland, European championship
 Dec 2: Luxembourg v Scotland, European championship

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Ryder tradition keeps sportsmanship safe

By Mitchell Plattis

"We have nothing to fear any more. It will be hard but I have no doubt that we can win." With those words Tony Jacklin, captain for the third successive time, launched Europe's golf campaign to retain the Ryder Cup against the United States at Muirfield Village, Dublin, Ohio, on September 24 to 27.

Jacklin, of course, provided the inspiration at The Belfry in 1985 when Sam Torrance reached to the sky as he secured the winning point for Europe. It was the first time the United States had been defeated in the biennial match since 1957.

In 1983, when he captained the team for the first time, Jacklin cajoled Europe's golfers to within a finger-touch of a first success on American soil. They lost 14½-13½ and the result provided abundant evidence of the United States's increasing vulnerability.

Jack Nicklaus was the United States's captain on that occasion. He was absent in 1985, when some observers cruelly suggested that he was concerned by the possibility of defeat, but he has been restored to the front line for 1987. All of which is hardly surprising since Muirfield Village is the course that Jack built.

Nick Faldo, who has played the course on several occasions, said: "It is a severe examination. One of the toughest second-shot courses that I know. It is easy to miss the greens."

Nicklaus is relishing the prospect of being the United States captain on his own course. Jacklin, of course, is also relishing the chance of leading Europe to a second successive victory. It could be so close that both of them might be prepared to settle for a similar result to the 1969 match at Royal Birkdale. Then Nicklaus generously conceded Jacklin a putt of three feet on the last green so that the match itself was halved.

It was the kind of sporting gesture that Samuel Ryder had hoped would become a symbol of the match from the moment of the first official encounter in 1927. If the result in 1987 cannot be predicted then it would appear reasonable to assume that with Jacklin and Nicklaus at the helm again, the tradition of sportsmanship will continue.

England prepare for final assault

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Irish hopes, which were slender anyway, diminished still further when they were held to a goalless draw in Turkey. Potentially, the most significant fixture of those that remain will take place in Belgrade in November, but by then England could already be assured of finishing on top of the group.

Wales have played only once and the outcome of their visit to Finland, a 1-1 draw, has reduced their chances. They are unlikely to offer a serious challenge to either Czechoslovakia or particularly Denmark, one of the most talented, albeit ill-disciplined, sides to appear last summer in Mexico.

A 3-0 victory over Luxembourg has since lifted the Scots to the top, level with Bulgaria. The biggest surprise has been the decline of France, who entered the World Cup finals as the champions of Europe. With ties, they are almost certain to fail to qualify.

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World sport for 1987



Under-21 tournament, Old Trafford
 Mar 7: Wales v England, Cardiff
 Mar 21: Tipp-Ex Trophy
 Apr 10-11: Home Counties schoolgirls tournament, Largs
 Jan 5-8: European Club championship
 Jun 28-29: Four Nations Under-21 tournament, Colchester
 Sep 3-13: NatWest Bank Cup, Picketts Lock, London
 Nov 27-28: Home Counties indoor tournament, Crystal Palace
 Dec 19-20: European Indoor Cup, Bad Neuenahr, West Germany

ICE HOCKEY
 Mar 15-23: World junior championships, Pool C, Esbjerg
 Apr 3-8: European junior championships, Pool B, Bucharest
 Apr 17-May 3: World and European championships, Pool A, Helsinki
 Apr 25-26: Heineken British championships, Wembley Arena

ICE SKATING
 Jan 17-19: Women's European speed championships, Groningen
 Jan 24-25: Men's European speed championships, Trondheim
 Jan 31-Feb 1: World sprint championships, Sarajevo
 Feb 7-8: Women's world speed championships, Wisler Ales, USA
 Feb 14-15: Men's world speed championships, Heerenveen
 Mar 7-8: Europa Cup (indoor ice hockey), Avlornoye
 Mar 9-10: World figure and dance championships, Cincinnati
 Mar 19-20: British indoor speed championships, Solihull
 Apr 3-5: World indoor speed championships, Montreal
 Nov 21: British dance championships (provisional)
 Nov 23-25: British figure championships (provisional)

JUDO
 Jan 24-25: National championships and trials for men and women, Crystal Palace
 Apr 11: British Open men's championships, Crystal Palace
 May 7-10: European championships for men and women, Paris
 Oct 3: British Open women's championships, Crystal Palace
 Nov 5-7: European women's Under-21 and women's Under-18, Gdansk, Poland
 Nov 12-14: World championships for men and women, Essen

LACROSSE
 Women
 Feb 7-8: Territorial championships, Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe
 Feb 21-22: Territorial championships, Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth
 Mar 7: England v Scotland, OPR
 Mar 21: England v Wales, Abingdon, Oxon
 Aug 27-30: Festival of lacrosse, Moreton Hall School, Shropshire

M PENTATHLON
 Apr 9-12: Men's international, Crystal Palace
 May 9-10: National championships, Portsmouth
 Jul 3-5: National men's championships, Milton Keynes
 Jul 24-26: National junior and women's championships, Warrage
 Aug 2-8: Women's world championships, Bensheim, Germany
 Aug 12-16: Senior world championships, Moulins, France
 Nov 28-29: National junior and women's championships, Southampton

MOTORCYCLING
 Grand Prix
 Mar 28: Japan, Suzuka
 Apr 13: Spain, Jerez
 Apr 17: Germany, Hockenheim
 May 24: Italy, Mugello
 Jun 7: Austria, Salzburgring
 Jun 14: Yugoslavia, Rijeka
 Jun 27: Holland, Assen
 Jul 5: Belgium, Spa
 Jul 18: France, Le Mans
 Aug 2: Great Britain, Donington Park
 Aug 9: Sweden, Anderstorp
 Jul 18: Czechoslovakia, Brno
 Aug 23: San Marino, Misano
 Sep 13: Portugal, Jarama
 TT Formula One World championship
 Apr 15: Italy, Misano
 May 3: Hungary, Hungaroring
 May 25: Great Britain, Isle of Man
 Jun 25: Holland, Assen
 Jul 12: Portugal, Viseu
 Aug 2: Finland, Imatra
 Aug 15: Ireland, Dundrod
 Aug 30: Japan, Suzuka
 Sep 14: Yugoslavia, Hockenheim
 Sep 27: Great Britain, Donington Park
 British championship
 Sep 5-6: Mallory Park
 Sep 19: Silverstone
 Sep 27: Donington Park
 Oct 24-25: Brands Hatch
 Moto-cross
 Apr 26: World sidecar championships, Siret Hills, nr Reading
 May 10: British 250cc Grand Prix, Hawkstone Park, nr Shrewsbury
 July 12: British 500cc Grand Prix, Farleigh Castle, nr Trowbridge
 Sept 21-22: International six-day Enduro, Poland

MOTOR RACING
 Formula One world championship
 Apr 12: Brazil, Rio de Janeiro
 May 3: San Marino, Imola, Italy

S African absence means dilution of World Cup power

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

A world cup tournament for rugby union has been theorized and argued over on various occasions since the Second World War, usually at times when supporters of one or other of the International Rugby Football Board countries feel particularly well-placed to lay claim to a factual rather than mythical premiership.

The threat of a professional world tournament in 1983 undoubtedly galvanized the thinking of the northern hemisphere countries in regard to the idea of an official World Cup proposed by New Zealand and Australia, and the fruits of that proposal will be on offer in Australasia during May and June when the inaugural World Cup will be held.

In some respects it is an answer to the plea from Australasia for a tournament of their own to match the annual five nations' tournament involving the four home countries and France. It would have been better, both in terms of tradition and practical detail, if the tournament had been arranged for Britain, where the stadiums are bigger and better and the miles in between shorter than in Australasia, but mixed feelings about the concept of the tournament and the threat it might pose to amateurism left the inspiration and organization in New Zealand and Australian hands.

The 16 countries invited to take part have been drawn from the eight International Board countries (the senior rugby-playing nations) and those other countries with the longest and strongest rugby traditions. There is one obvious exclusion: South Africa, whose internal policies have created such difficulties in sporting relationships with the rest of the world.



Flying wing Rory Underwood, one of England's Cup hopes

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

- May 22: New Zealand v Italy, Auckland
- May 23: Australia v England, Sydney; Romania v Zimbabwe, Bucharest
- May 24: Japan v USA, Brisbane; Canada v Tonga, Napier; Argentina v Fiji, Hamilton
- May 25: Ireland v Wales, Wellington
- May 27: New Zealand v Fiji, Christchurch
- May 28: Argentina v Italy, Christchurch; France v Romania, Wellington
- May 29: Tonga v Wales, Palmerston North
- May 30: England v Japan, Sydney; Canada v Ireland, Dunedin; Scotland v Zimbabwe, Wellington
- May 31: Australia v USA, Brisbane; Fiji v Italy, Dunedin
- June 1: New Zealand v Argentina, Wellington
- June 2: France v Zimbabwe, Auckland; Romania v Scotland, Dunedin
- June 3: England v USA, Sydney; Australia v Japan, Auckland; Ireland v Wales, Invercargill; Ireland v Tonga, Brisbane
- June 5, 6, 7: Quarter-finals, Christchurch, Sydney, Auckland, Brisbane
- June 13 and 14: Semi-finals, Sydney, Brisbane
- June 18: Play-off for third and fourth places, Rotorua
- June 26: Final, Auckland

RUGBY UNION

- Jan 17: England v Scotland, Twickenham; Wales v Ireland, Cardiff
- Jan 18: Portugal v Italy, Lisbon
- Feb 7: Ireland v England, Dublin; France v Wales, Paris; Scotland v France, St Andrews; France v Portugal, venue to be arranged
- Feb 22: England v France, Bath
- Feb 21: Scotland v Ireland, Murrayfield; England v France, Twickenham
- Feb 22: Italy v France, venue to be arranged
- Mar 7: Wales v England, Cardiff
- Mar 14: Thom EMU county championship, semi-finals
- Mar 14: Thom EMU county championship, final
- Mar 21: Scotland v Wales, Murrayfield; Ireland v France, Dublin
- Mar 28: John Player Special Cup and Schweppes Welsh Cup semi-finals; Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank sevens
- Apr 14: Thom EMU county championship final, Twickenham; Malrose sevens
- Apr 19: Ulster Cup final, Portlough v Tullaghan, Lisburn
- Apr 25: Lanster and Munster Cup finals; USSR v Romania, venue to be arranged
- Apr 25: Connacht Cup final
- May 2: John Player Special Cup final, Twickenham; Schweppes Welsh Cup final, Cardiff; French club championship final, Paris
- May 9: Middlesex sevens, Twickenham
- May 10: Glenlivet Monte Carlo sevens
- Sept 28: Scottish Districts XV v Ireland XV, venue to be arranged
- Nov 7: Wales v USA, Cardiff
- Dec 8: Oxford University v Cambridge University, Twickenham

SHOOTING

- Feb 27-Mar 3: European air gun championships, Bratislava
- Apr 15-20: Easter rifle meeting, Bisley
- Apr 24-25: British open universal target Grand Prix, Harrogate
- May 14-17: British open sporting championship, Hodnet, Shropshire
- May 20-21: England XX rifle and pistol '87 meetings, Bisley
- May 26-28: Nordic championships, Oslo
- July 4: British open automatic ball trap grand prix, Bywell, Northumbria
- July 11-25: National Rifle Association meeting, Bisley
- July 17-18: European small bore championships, Lahai, Finland
- Aug 9-22: British small bore championships, Bisley
- Aug 14-16: British open skeet championship, Isle of Sheppey
- Aug 26-31: NRA and NRAA championships, Bisley
- Sept 19-20: British Open Grand Prix ISSF, Evershot, Dorset
- Oct 9-11: British air gun championships, Cardiff
- Oct 25: World air gun championships, Budapest

SPEEDWAY

- May 31: British championship, Coventry
- June 14: Individual world championship, Commonwealth final, King's Lynn
- July 5: Individual world championship, overseas final, Ocken Stadium, Bradford
- July 18: Team world championship, Group One, first round, Coventry

SWIMMING

- Jan 23-25: Golden Cup, Strassbourg
- Jan 30-Feb 1: Swedish games, Gothenburg; international Open, Paris
- Feb 3-4: NOK, East Berlin
- Feb 6-8: Arena festival, Bonn
- Feb 27-Mar 1: International Open, Ischgl
- Mar 14: British Club Team finals, Leeds
- Apr 11-12: European Community Cup Team finals, Leeds
- Apr 18-19: Eight-nation junior meeting, Crystal Palace
- May 2-4: Speedo meeting, Cardiff
- May 16-17: Holland v GB v West Germany, Holland
- May 22-23: British Cup, Antwerp; Monk Multi-nation, Leeds
- May 30-31: Seven Hills, Rome
- June 18-21: Scottish Open, venue to be announced
- July 17-19: Welsh Open, Cardiff
- July 23-26: European Junior Championships, Rostock
- July 29-Aug 2: National Open, Crystal Palace
- Aug 9-8: National age group, Coventry
- Nov 22: European championships, Strassbourg
- Sept 13: Speedo National League final, Leeds
- Oct 30-31: English Schools championships, Hull
- Nov 19-22: National short course, Ipswich
- Nov 22: Inter-county final, Nuneaton
- Nov 29-30: Esso Open, Toronto
- Dec 4-6: US Open, Orlando
- Dec 12-13: European Cup, Monaco

SKIING

- Jan 2-5: British free-style championships, Saalbach, Austria
- Jan 17-18: Lauberhorn races, Wengen, Switzerland
- Jan 24-25: British nordic and biathlon championships, Zwiesel, West Germany
- Jan 24-25: Hahnenkamm races, Kitzbühel, Austria
- Jan 25-Feb 8: Men's and women's world championships, Crans Montana, Switzerland
- Feb 9-11: FIS European free-style championships, Le Saucz, France
- Feb 9-15: British alpine championships, Courmayeur, Italy
- Feb 10-14: World biathlon championships, Lake Placid, USA
- Feb 13-22: World nordic championships, Oberstdorf, West Germany
- Apr 2-5: British amateur speed championships, Glinshede, Scotland
- Jan 2-11: Mercantile Credit classic, Blackpool
- Jan 11-12: European Junior Top 12, Topolovca, Czechoslovakia
- May 10: English national team final, Mansfield
- May 16: Stiga Three-star grand prix final, Woking

TABLE TENNIS

- Jan 2-4: European Top 12, Basel, Switzerland
- Jan 14: England v Finland, Norwich
- Jan 24-25: English national championships, Hawley
- Feb 7: Denmark v England, venue to be announced
- Feb 19-Mar 1: World championships, Delhi
- Mar 31: England v Norway, Braintree
- Apr 9: West Germany v England, Wurzburg, FRG
- Apr 11-12: European Junior Top 12, Topolovca, Czechoslovakia
- May 10: English national team final, Mansfield
- May 16: Stiga Three-star grand prix final, Woking
- Jan 12-25: Australian championships, Melbourne
- Feb 28-Mar 6: Players' championships, New York
- Mar 13-15: Davis Cup, first round
- Apr 7-12: WCT Finals, Dallas
- May 25-31: French championships, Paris
- May 18-24: World Team Cup, Disselhofen
- Jun 8-14: Stella Artois men's tournament, Queen's Club; Dow Chemicals Classic women's tournament, Birmingham
- Jun 15-21: Bristol Trophy men's tournament, Bristol; Pilkington Glass women's tournament, Eastbourne
- Jun 22-28: Wimbledon
- Jul 28-Aug 2: Federation Cup, Vancouver
- Sept 1-12: US championships, New York
- Oct 14-20: Pretty Polly Classic women's tournament, Brighton
- Oct 26-28: European Community Championship, Antwerp
- Oct 29-31: Wightman Cup, Williamsport
- Nov 10-15: Benson and Hedges

TENNIS

- Jan 4: British national age groups, Gillingham
- Jan 5: British championships, Dunsbury
- Oct 17: GB Youth v West Germany, Grimsby
- Nov 14: International tournament in England
- Nov 21: Hermes World Cup, Crystal Palace
- Dec 2: European championships, Lisbon
- Jan 5-8: Pickfords international tournament, Alexandra Pavilion, London
- Feb 13-15: Women's European Cup final
- Feb 16-18: Men's European Cup final
- Mar 14-15: Royal Bank National Cup final, Crystal Palace
- Apr 1: Mies Talbot (junior men), Belgium
- Apr 12-18: Spring Cup Women, Sweden, men, Switzerland
- May 2-8: Women's world cup final, Edinburgh
- May 9-10: Keaton's Cup final, Luton
- May 25-31: Supercup, Telford
- May 27-28: Tachiaro tournament, Wolverhampton
- May 30-31: Women's home international
- Sept 12-13: Anglo-Scottish club tournament, Sale
- July 15-19: World Junior Cup, Sherbrooke, Canada
- July 18-19: European championships, Kirtons Farm
- August 8-10: National championships, France
- Sept 14-20: World championships, Thorpe Park
- Sept 26: European Grand Prix racing final, Havertill, Holland

YACHTING

- May 7-10: Lymington Cup
- June 7: RORC De Guingand Bowl race
- July 27-Aug 15: Champagne Mums Admirals' Cup
- Aug 29-Sept 5: Weymouth Olympic Week
- Sept 9-15: Division 1 world championship, Pentewan, Cornwall
- Sept 14: Cadet world championships, Pwllheli, North Wales

A double chance for Stoute

By Phil McLennan

Michael Stoute, the leading Flat racing trainer of the year, cannot realistically hope to improve on his staggering 1986 prize money total of £2,778,405 next season. In Ajdal and Milligram, however, he has two top-class prospects who could add to his impressive classic tally this decade.

Stoute has won the Derby twice and the Irish equivalent three times in the last six years and Ajdal, a son of the legendary Northern Dancer, showed sufficient quality in his three autumn victories to suggest he might emulate Shergar, Sharaf Dancer and Shahrastani. He is already one of the warmest winter favourites of recent years for the 2,000 Guineas, a race Stoute won in 1985 with Shadedee.

The Newmarket trainer has yet to win the first fillies classic but Milligram, a daughter of Mill Reef, has the speed and scope to become a leading contender for both the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks. The Newmarket classic could well see another clash between Forest Flower and Minstrelia, whose rivalry was one of the highlights of 1986.

Rated 2lb above Ajdal in the European classifications was Reference Point, the current Derby favourite. Trained by Stoute's great Newmarket adversary, Henry Cecil, who won the Epsom classic in 1985 with Slip Anchor, Reference Point is also by Mill Reef.

On the National Hunt scene, one of the highlights will be See You Then's attempt to become the first triple Champion Hurdler since Persian War (1968-70). The Cheltenham Gold Cup winners, Burrough Hill Lad and Forgive 'N Forget, are on course to meet in steeplechasing's Blue Riband event in March while West Tip is already favourite to repeat his Grand National triumph of nine months ago.

TRAMPOLINING

- July 4: British national age groups, Gillingham
- Jan 5: British championships, Dunsbury
- Oct 17: GB Youth v West Germany, Grimsby
- Nov 14: International tournament in England
- Nov 21: Hermes World Cup, Crystal Palace
- Dec 2: European championships, Lisbon
- Jan 5-8: Pickfords international tournament, Alexandra Pavilion, London
- Feb 13-15: Women's European Cup final
- Feb 16-18: Men's European Cup final
- Mar 14-15: Royal Bank National Cup final, Crystal Palace
- Apr 1: Mies Talbot (junior men), Belgium
- Apr 12-18: Spring Cup Women, Sweden, men, Switzerland
- May 2-8: Women's world cup final, Edinburgh
- May 9-10: Keaton's Cup final, Luton
- May 25-31: Supercup, Telford
- May 27-28: Tachiaro tournament, Wolverhampton
- May 30-31: Women's home international
- Sept 12-13: Anglo-Scottish club tournament, Sale

VOLLEYBALL

- Jan 2-5: British free-style championships, Saalbach, Austria
- Jan 17-18: Lauberhorn races, Wengen, Switzerland
- Jan 24-25: British nordic and biathlon championships, Zwiesel, West Germany
- Jan 24-25: Hahnenkamm races, Kitzbühel, Austria
- Jan 25-Feb 8: Men's and women's world championships, Crans Montana, Switzerland
- Feb 9-11: FIS European free-style championships, Le Saucz, France
- Feb 9-15: British alpine championships, Courmayeur, Italy
- Feb 10-14: World biathlon championships, Lake Placid, USA
- Feb 13-22: World nordic championships, Oberstdorf, West Germany
- Apr 2-5: British amateur speed championships, Glinshede, Scotland
- Jan 2-11: Mercantile Credit classic, Blackpool
- Jan 11-12: European Junior Top 12, Topolovca, Czechoslovakia
- May 10: English national team final, Mansfield
- May 16: Stiga Three-star grand prix final, Woking
- Jan 12-25: Australian championships, Melbourne
- Feb 28-Mar 6: Players' championships, New York
- Mar 13-15: Davis Cup, first round
- Apr 7-12: WCT Finals, Dallas
- May 25-31: French championships, Paris
- May 18-24: World Team Cup, Disselhofen
- Jun 8-14: Stella Artois men's tournament, Queen's Club; Dow Chemicals Classic women's tournament, Birmingham
- Jun 15-21: Bristol Trophy men's tournament, Bristol; Pilkington Glass women's tournament, Eastbourne
- Jun 22-28: Wimbledon
- Jul 28-Aug 2: Federation Cup, Vancouver
- Sept 1-12: US championships, New York
- Oct 14-20: Pretty Polly Classic women's tournament, Brighton
- Oct 26-28: European Community Championship, Antwerp
- Oct 29-31: Wightman Cup, Williamsport
- Nov 10-15: Benson and Hedges

WATER SKIING

- July 15-19: World Junior Cup, Sherbrooke, Canada
- July 18-19: European championships, Kirtons Farm
- August 8-10: National championships, France
- Sept 14-20: World championships, Thorpe Park
- Sept 26: European Grand Prix racing final, Havertill, Holland

WEIGHTLIFTING

- Feb 7: Great Britain v Poland Wythenshawe
- Apr 3-6: EEC championships, Athens
- Apr 26-30: World junior championships, Belgrade
- Jun 6-7: British Masters, Milton Keynes
- Jun 13-14: British senior championships, Wythenshawe
- Aug 29-30: British women's championships, London
- Sept 2-12: World senior championships, Czechoslovakia
- Oct 2: English national championships, Huddersfield
- Oct 4: English native women's championships, Huddersfield
- Nov 5-8: Women's world championships, Daytona Beach, Florida
- May 7-10: Lymington Cup
- June 7: RORC De Guingand Bowl race
- July 27-Aug 15: Champagne Mums Admirals' Cup
- Aug 29-Sept 5: Weymouth Olympic Week
- Sept 9-15: Division 1 world championship, Pentewan, Cornwall
- Sept 14: Cadet world championships, Pwllheli, North Wales

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NETBALL

- Feb 21: England v Scotland Grayswood, Kent
- Mar 7: England v Wales Cardiff
- Apr 25: Barclays Bank National tournament finals, Easingway & National Club tournament final, East Essex
- Aug 15-23: World tournament, Glasgow
- Nov 25: England v Caribbean, Wembley

ORIENTEERING

- Jan 18: National event, Sarsfield
- May 2-4: British relays weekend, Heatham
- May 17-18: British championships, Forest Dean, Chidford
- May 24-25: National event, Kidderminster
- June 9-7: National event, Plymouth
- June 21: National event, Keswick
- Sept 28-27: National event, Gillingham
- Nov 8: National event, Pithochry
- Oct 11: National event, Buxton
- Nov 8: National event, Pithochry

POLO

- June 30-Jul 7: The Queen's Cup, Windsor
- June 11-21: Royal Windsor Cup, Windsor
- June 23-25: Warwickshire Cup, Crenoster
- July 1-19: British Open championship, Cowdrey Park
- July 23-Aug 2: Cowdrey Park Challenge Cup
- July 29-Aug 2: Harrison Cup, Windsor
- July 26: Carrier International, Windsor
- Aug 9-16: National 15-goal championship, Crenoster
- Aug 16-23: National 11-goal championship, Cheshire
- Aug 25-30: Cherttenham Cup, Crenoster

POWERBOATING

- Circuit boats
 Jun 12-14: Bristol Grand Prix
 Aug 29-31: London Grand Prix
 Sept 1-3: Nottingham Grand Prix
- Hydroplane
 Aug 29-31: World championships, Nottingham
- Offshore
 Aug 22-23: Needles Trophy, Poole
- Aug 29-31: Cowes Classic
- Sept 21-27: Bournemouth festival

RACING

- Jan 10: The Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle, Leopardstown
- Feb 8: Irish Champion Hurdle, Leopardstown
- Feb 14: Tote Gold Trophy, Newbury; Vicent O'Brien Gold Cup, Leopardstown
- Mar 18: Queen Mother Champion Chase, Cherttenham
- Mar 19: Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster
- Apr 4: Grand National, Aintree
- Apr 11: Scottish Grand National, Ayr

TRIATHLON

- Apr 15: European Free Handicap, Newmarket
- Apr 20: Irish Grand National, Fairyhouse
- Apr 25: Whitbread Gold Cup, Sandown
- Apr 26: French 2,000 Guineas, Longchamp (provisional)
- Apr 30: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket
- May 2: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket
- May 3: French 1,000 Guineas, Longchamp (provisional)
- May 5: Chester Vase
- May 13: Dante Stakes, York
- May 16: Irish 2,000 Guineas, Curragh
- May 22: Point to Point Championship final, Towcester
- May 23: Irish 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket
- Jun 3: Derby, Epsom
- Jun 4: Coronation Cup, Epsom
- Jun 6: Oaks, Epsom
- Jun 8: National Club tournament final, East Essex
- Jun 14: French Oaks, Chantilly (provisional)
- Jun 15: Royal Ascot
- Jun 18: King's Stand Stakes, Royal Ascot
- Jun 27: Irish Derby, Curragh; Northumberland Plate, Newcastle
- Jul 4: Eclipse Stakes, Sandown
- Jul 9: Cup, Newmarket
- Jul 11: Magnat Cup, York; Irish Oaks, Curragh
- Jul 25: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Ascot
- Jul 28: Stewards' Cup, Goodwood
- Jul 29: Sussex Stakes, Goodwood
- Aug 9: Henry 57 Phoenix Stakes, Phoenix Park
- Aug 18: Matchmaker, York
- Aug 19: William Hill Sprint, Longchamp
- Aug 25: Waterford Crystal Mile, Goodwood
- Aug 30: Arington Millon, Chicago
- Sep 5: Varnos Sprint Cup, Haydock
- Sep 6: Phoenix Champion Stakes, Haydock
- Sep 9: Park Hill Stakes, Doncaster
- Sep 12: St Leger, Doncaster
- Sep 30: Chevelay Park Stakes, Newmarket
- Oct 3: Middle Park Stakes, Cambridgebridge Handicap, Newmarket
- Oct 4: Prix de l'Arc de

RACKETS

- All events at Queen's Club, West Kensington
- Jan 4-14: Open under 24 singles and doubles
- Jan 18-18: Amateur singles
- Jan 18-18: Professional singles
- Jan 18-18: Professional doubles
- Jan 18-18: Public school doubles
- Mar 31-Apr 12: Open doubles

RALLYING

- World rally championship
 Jan 14-27: Monte Carlo
 Feb 13-15: Sweden
 Mar 10-15: Portugal
 Apr 16-20: Safari, Kenya
 May 1-10: Tour of Corsica
 May 30-June 4: Acropolis, Greece
- Jan 25-26: Olympic (drivers' title only)
 Aug 2-9: Argentina
 Aug 29-30: 1,000 Lakes, Finland
 Sept 22-28: Ivory Coast (first season only)
 Oct 11-17: San Remo, Italy
 Nov 22-26: RAC, Britain

REAL TENNIS

- Jan 1-3: Scottish Amateur singles and doubles, Troon
- Jan 9-11: Professionals' doubles and women's doubles, Cardiff

ROWING

- Feb 25-28: Oxford University regatta, Cambridge University
- Mar 12-17: World championship challenge, Queen's Club
- Mar 20-25: Amateur singles, Liverpool
- Apr 23-26: Women's world championship, Seacourt
- May 16-17: Professionals' regatta, Cambridge
- Feb 25-28: Seacourt Silver Regatta, Hayling Island
- Mar 1-5: World championship eliminator, Queen's Club
- Mar 12-17: World championship challenge, Queen's Club
- Mar 20-25: Amateur singles, Liverpool
- Apr 23-26: Women's world championship, Seacourt
- May 16-17: Professionals' regatta, Cambridge
- Feb 25-28: Oxford University regatta, Cambridge University
- Mar 12-17: World championship challenge, Queen's Club
- Mar 20-25: Amateur singles, Liverpool
- Apr 23-26: Women's world championship, Seacourt
- May 16-17: Professionals' regatta, Cambridge

RUGBY LEAGUE

- Jan 10: John Player Special Trophy final
- Jan 24: Great Britain v France, Wembley
- Jan 31: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, first round
- Feb 8: France v Great Britain, Wembley
- Feb 14-15: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, second round
- Feb 22-Mar 1: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, third round
- Mar 14: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, first round
- Mar 28: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, second semi-final
- Apr 26: Stones Bitter Premiership, first round
- May 2: Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, Wembley
- May 10: Stones Bitter Premiership, semi-final
- May 17: Stones Bitter Premiership final

Britain's best determined to lick the cream

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

After the successes of last autumn's European athletics championships in Stuttgart, which left the British public with the alternative of counting gold medals instead of sheep to fall themselves to sleep after all the excitement, it is to be hoped that the second IAAF world championships, in Rome from August 29 to September 6, do not provide a rude awakening.

For, strong as the European competition was, it did not include the collective might of the United States teams, and several world class individuals like Said Aouita of Morocco, Gabriel Tsiach of the Ivory Coast and Ben Johnson of Canada all of whom injury permitting, will be competing in the Olympia Stadium in Rome at the end of this summer.

But the eight gold medals won by Britons in Stuttgart compared favourably with the four golds in the boycotted 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. And the only political decisions likely to encroach upon these world championships have already been taken. The IAAF Presidency of Dr Primo Nebiolo has already ensured that many top athletics fixtures have been allocated to Italy in recent years, the culmination being these

TENNIS: POWER AND AGGRESSION MEET ARTISTIC REFINEMENT WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS

Cash's victory against all odds

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Melbourne

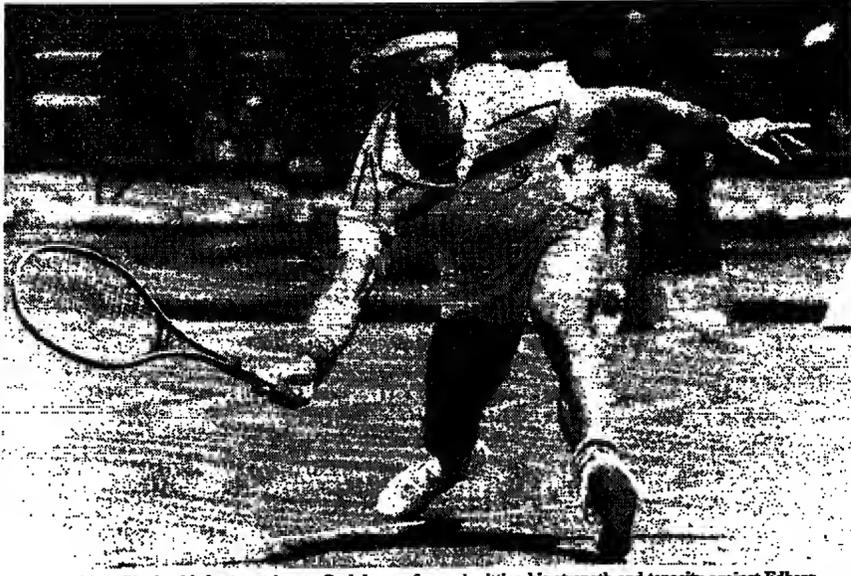
Animal power and aggression against artistic refinement is perennially one of sport's most enthralling contests. The animal won here yesterday in a memorable opening match of the Davis Cup final, not so much because he was the superior tennis player but because he had the unyielding mental tenacity.

Pat Cash, by his own estimation, played his best ever match to beat Stefan Edberg, who at No. 4 in the world is ranked 21 places above him, by the slenderest of margins: a mere four games in 58 over three hours and 44 minutes, 13-11, 13-11, 6-4, for a critical and largely unexpected opening lead against Sweden in the competition sponsored by NEC.

Then Mikael Pernfors, an extrovert college boy at Georgia, playing only his fifth match on grass, levelled the contest with astonishing two-handed control of the ball in little more than an hour. He destroyed a stunned and outclassed Paul McNamee in embarrassing straight sets. What could Pernfors now achieve against Cash in Sunday's reverse singles?

It had been sometimes less than technically brilliant play between Cash and Edberg, but in this battle of young tigers, the Australian first string beat the Australian Open champion simply because he wanted victory more than his rival.

He played the handful of crucial points as though his country's name depended on it. It was symptomatic that he should close those two grueling first sets each with an ace in a match which had only 13, eight of them from the winner. The other factor central to the outcome was that although Cash served 12 of the 25 double faults, he did so partially because he relentlessly went for his second service to keep the pressure on Edberg. Cash, looking like Maradona with the goal in sight, closed in.



Low blow: Playing his best match ever Cash lunges forward, pitting his strength and tenacity against Edberg

whose confidence gradually slipped from him like the foliage of a dying tree.

"I don't usually play well in the Davis Cup," the forlorn Edberg said afterwards. "It might come in the future." He has yet to win a major singles, and today's doubts will mightily test his equanimity.

The occasion yesterday was loaded with drama. A substantial portion of the crowd at Kooyong was Swedish, here to see whether or not their men win the trophy for the third year in succession in what may be the last Davis Cup final on grass, unless Britain should produce players capable of reaching this stage. The home of the Victoria LTA, having failed to build on its traditions in modern times, is to become redundant, replaced by a new Australian tennis headquarters adjacent to the Melbourne Cricket stadium. Edberg played in three hours, and two sets down. The authority of his play shrank, and though, all

Ground, with an artificial surface yet to be decided. A strong east wind that was simultaneously blowing the yachts from Sydney towards Hobart stiffened the flags, and the noisy Swedish chants took one back to the heady, patriotic days of 1958 during the World Cup in football when the Swedes were hosts and finalists. As the wind whirled the ball about in the midday sun, it seemed that Cash was caught in a whirlpool of doubts. In no time, he was 5-1 down with Edberg serving for the first set.

Yet at this moment Cash's animal instincts were to rescue him. Three days ago he was playing so poorly he had stormed off court during training and started practising his strokes on camera men. Now, about to be played out of sight, he held on like a clam.

When necessary, he scrambled, he hit two sensational forehands to save Cash's first two match points, his gradually drooping chin had said it

led. When possible, he whacked the ball fiercely. And after 35 minutes, with the same doubts and difficulties overtaking Edberg on his throw-ups and mid-court volleys, the match was level at 5-5. For another 12 games there was no break point. Edberg's game was the more fluent, though he hardly hit a decent backhand, but Cash's was more gritty. Edberg, you felt, would win if he could find his rhythm for his were always the more ambitious shots with less margin.

Yet at 11-11 Edberg double-faulted and Cash hit three backhand passes and a lob to break service, and held his own service to love for the first set. In the second, the first break came as Cash led 9-8, but Edberg broke back. Two net-cords going against him on successive points saw Edberg go behind again 11-12, and all. Cash had prepared for a month for this match, and he had his reward.

far tougher than to play for yourself," he said afterwards. "The pressure of the Davis Cup makes you admire those who go to the line in the Olympics for sudden death, and win medals. A Wimbledon or US semi-final is nothing compared to the Davis Cup. I reckoned I was playing better than he was when I was 5-1 down, and after that it was a matter of just a point here, a point there - winning the right points at the right moment."

Pernfors, the French Open finalist, returned service with such sting and variety that McNamee's game was dismantled; by the end of the first set he was missing the lines by yards rather than inches. Pernfors hit a succession of devastating two-handed backhand lobs, and also the stroke of the day, a cunningly sliced smash which hardly bounced and obliged the crowd to look twice to see where the ball was.

"He outclassed me," McNamee said afterwards, staring emptily around the interview room. "It will take me a while to get over this. I tried, I really did, to slow the game down, but he exploited my weaknesses."

It will be long after Sunday's fifth-match encounter with Edberg, I suspect, that McNamee will recover. So if Australia are to regain the Cup they have to do it in today's doubles and tomorrow's first singles between Cash and Pernfors. It is tantalizingly evenly balanced.

RESULTS (Australian times first: P Cash in S Edberg 13-11, 13-11, 6-4; P McNamee lost to M Pernfors, 3-6, 1-6, 3-6)
TODAY: P Cash and J Fitzgerald (Aus) v S Edberg and A Jarrold (Swe).
TOMORROW: P Cash (Aus) v M Pernfors (Swe), P McNamee (Aus) v S Edberg (Swe).

Putting baby carriages into perspective

From Richard Evans, Melbourne

Now all Pat Cash has to do is learn how to fold a baby carriage. Minor problems that get passed off with a hushedward word from the average father end up as hot news when daddy is a sports superstar, pushing himself to a peak of physical conditioning few of us understand.

After his superbly controlled performance against Stefan Edberg, Cash's uncontrolled reaction to an intrusive television camera crew three days before the Davis Cup final deserves to be put into perspective.

Cash threw a punch at the cameraman when he realized his floundering attempt to get Daniel's baby carriage into the boot of his

car was being filmed at close range for posterity.

Four years ago, Cash would have been expected to behave that way because, as a 17-year-old, he quickly earned a deserved reputation as a fiery, immature youngster with a chip on his shoulder.

But two major occurrences in his life have changed the best tennis player Australia has produced since John Newcombe, leaving Cash annoyed and frustrated at this temporary slip back into old ways.

First he suffered a chronic back injury that forced him off the tour for nine months. At Kooyong this time last year Cash appeared in the Press tent

a couple of times to say a hello to friends. "Nobody wants to talk to me any more," he joked. Suddenly he was realizing that fame, for all its drawbacks, is preferable to anonymity.

Then Ann Britt Kristiansen, the tall Norwegian model who had stuck with him during those dreary months of rehabilitation, became pregnant. With no plans for marriage, a 21-year-old might have run from the responsibility, but Cash welcomed it as an adjustment to the demands of fatherhood with surprising maturity even if, technically, he still needed a lesson or two on how to fold coats.

There is little doubt that the long period of often painful training he underwent at his Melbourne home played a major part in the maturing process. Under the eye of the trainer, Ann Quinn, Cash worked in short spurts every hour for eight hours a day to build up the muscles around his lower back.

To call the workouts intensive would be understatement. Those who saw him at it were amazed at what he put himself through.

The level of overall fitness achieved became apparent when Cash was able to recover from an appendectomy in three weeks prior to Wimbledon. Before his legs gave out in the quarter-final, he had beaten the No. 3 seed, Mats Wilander.

and that the accounts of the company were drawn in that same currency, or that in which its share capital was expressed, the amount of each share would not be fixed.

That argument depended on the words "fixed amount" meaning "of a particular and unvarying value." Mr Weaver's observation that it was necessary to have a measuring rod in order to draw accounts was true but it did not address the point at issue.

No one doubted that accounts had to be drawn in one currency. It was probable that if a company had a multi-currency share capital the auditors would translate the left-hand side of the balance sheet into the one currency used for the accounts at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Such was equally true of the right-hand side of the balance sheet. If such a process was proper for the right-hand side of the balance sheet or for a statement of assets in a narrative form of account, it did not appear inappropriate on the left-hand side or debits in a narrative form of account.

The amount of the share capital and the fixed amount of each share was not altered by the figures appearing in the successive annual accounts of a company. The translation was necessary for purposes of comparison but did not alter or affect the amount of the underlying asset or liability.

A share represented a fraction of a company's net worth as well as stating the amount paid up on it or for which the holder was liable to pay.

figure as a total of the share capital.

The amount of a share was a fixed amount if it was stated in the memorandum in monetary form. The fixed amount could not be stated in two currencies but it could be stated in different currencies for different shares according to different rates of exchange at successive year ends which that exchange rates varied.

To hold otherwise would be to confuse "value" with "amount" and to hold that restating, for purposes of comparison, of share capital as different sums according to different rates of exchange at successive year ends would make the amount of each share "unfixed" was to confuse the representation in the accounts with the actual nominal amount of a share for which a subscriber was liable.

The reserve shown up by alterations in accounts would not be a reserve capable of application either before the Companies Act 1980 by way of dividend or now by way of capitalization.

The practice of the Registrar of Companies was that increases of capital under section 121 of the 1985 Act would be accepted though in a different currency from that of the original share capital.

The decision to which his Lordship had come supported the Registrar's course of conduct and he had been told that no public authorities, notably the Bank of England and the Treasury, were concerned in respect of that decision.

Chancery Division

Multi-currency share capital is lawful

In re Scandinavian Bank Group plc
Before Mr Justice Harman
[Judgment] December 15

The word "amount" in section 215(a) of the Companies Act 1985 did not have to mean a single amount and the memorandum did not have to state a single figure as a total of the share capital. While the fixed amount could not be stated in two currencies it could be stated in different currencies for different shares. Accordingly multi-currency share capital was lawful within the Companies Act 1985.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division when he approved a minute referring to multi-currency share capital in respect of a reorganization to re-narrate the capital of the Scandinavian Bank Group plc.

Mr Robin Potts, QC and Miss Mary Arden, QC, for the company; Mr Oliver Weaver, QC as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that the company was a recognized bank under the Banking Act 1979. Its published accounts for the year ending December 31, 1985 showed that its shares were held in varying amounts by five leading Nordic banks and its total assets were then nearly £3.3 billion.

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Boxing

Andries beaten by cable TV date

Dennis Andries's proposed World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title defence against Tommy Hearns, of the United States, on February 7 is "definitely off", according to Greg Steene, Andries's promoter. Bob Arum, by telephone soon with a view to fixing another date and I am prepared to compromise," Steene said yesterday.

Steene and Andries would like the bout to go on in late February but they are determined not to wait until March 20, the date on which Showtime, the cable company which has bought the television rights, wants the match to take place.

Steene explained: "All our training and preparation has been geared to a fight in February. We can stretch it for a few weeks but not for as long as a month and a half."

"It is not the promoter's fault. Showtime want to switch the date because February 7 clashes with other big American sporting events. They have shown a lot of inexperience over this. Hopefully, we can all come to an acceptable arrangement."

Steene added: "I have not been short of offers and, if we are forced to pull out of the Hearns match altogether, I am sure we would soon get something else fixed up."

Boxing

Graham's chance if McGuigan switches channels

Barry McGuigan versus Herol Graham is a contest that, for obvious reasons, will never take place in a ring. But the former World Boxing Association featherweight champion and the reigning European middleweight champion have been at the centre of a lively contest between the rival television networks.

The BBC have accepted unofficially that Harry Carpenter will not be the commentator when McGuigan eventually makes his ring comeback sometime in the New Year, the odds are short that it will be Reg Gutteridge whom McGuigan will be "thanking very much", a phrase that will have a rather hollow ring in his ears.

Independent Television had long cast envious eyes in McGuigan's direction but under the Eastwood banner he remained very much a BBC commodity. This was mainly because the Corporation's head of sport in Northern Ireland, Joy Williams, was the young woman in Eastwood's corner who fought with an unrelenting fervour in his protégé's contests televised while he was in the novice ranks.

Ms Williams has the reputation in Broadcasting House in Belfast of being difficult to dissuade if her instinct tells her she has spotted a winner. And the BBC, on her recommendation, backed a winner in McGuigan. Eastwood did not forget that and lucrative offers from ITV to change camps fell on deaf ears.

But times have changed and if those who press to know all things boxing are right and it is announced early in the New Year that McGuigan has formed an alliance with Frank Warren, the London promoter-manager, then it is a near certainty that ITV will have been heavily involved.

Boxing

Title decider

New York (Reuters) - Mark Breiland, of the United States, will meet Harold Volbracht, of South Africa, for the World Boxing Association welterweight title vacated by Lloyd Honeyghan, of Britain. A spokesman for the promoter, Dan Doover, has said the pair will meet in Atlantic City on February 6.

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Boxing

Territorial clashes promise much

Ten of the best women's players of the season will be named at Sherborne School, Dorset, next week. They will take part in territorial matches and each share a place on the other four in the Monday (Joyce Whitehead writes).

The South report that Lesley Hobbly has recovered from a broken toe and Jenny Mitchell, newly capped, has also recovered from injury.

To the 12 originally announced, the East have added Michelle Hall (Huntingdonshire), Debbie Rawlinson (Suffolk) and the goalkeeper, Denise Feveyear (Suffolk).

The Midlands are without Mary Cheetam but have back Jane Swinerton after a year's absence.

The West, who lost 2-3 to South Wales, will be hoping for great things from their new caps, Denise Shorter and Caroline Poock, both from Avon and Sara Workman from Wiltshire. The North with their new captain, Norma Dix, are missing Jill Brown and Gill Atkins, who are with Great Britain, and Linda Carr, their previous captain.

But Eastwood has a string to his bow in Graham who may yet bring a more than adequate substitute for McGuigan. The European champion will never have the mass appeal of McGuigan but there is a distinct possibility that he could before 1987 fades into 1988 by sharing a ring with the winner of the world middleweight title bout between Marvin Hagler, the undisputed champion, and Sugar Ray Leonard, due to take place in Las Vegas on April 6.

That would be some contest, a one fully capable of putting McGuigan. It is surprising if he may achieve in the year ahead, off the back pages of the sporting Press.

Graham tops the bill at the King's Hall, Belfast, on Saturday January 17, in a bout that has instant appeal since his opponent, Charlie Boston, from the United States, recently dismantled the highly regarded Errol Christie in eight rounds. It will be surprising if the BBC fail to show more than a passing interest in that contest if not for what it may mean on the night but for what it may hold for the future.

Graham is not, under any stretch of the imagination, compulsive viewing. His art of boxing does not lend itself to the cameras. But as the No. 1 challenger in the most difficult division in present-day boxing and under the wing of a man who has an uncanny knack of picking winners, he is a contender from Sheffield may shed his inhibitions and realize there is more to boxing than superb defensive skills.

His 37 wins in 37 professional contests prove his talent and with many of his contests ending inside the distance he is obviously through a punch. The time has surely arrived for "the Bomber" to go looking for his target.

"The commissioner was never notified that Carl King was involved in the management of 'Bonecrusher' Smith," he said. Because there has been no notification, Torres said, King should not even be considered Smith's official co-manager.

Don King could not be reached for comment but Murray Goodman, a spokesman for the promoter, said King would not be upset by the investigation. "Let them investigate," Goodman said. "He has nothing to hide."

The facts of the present case it was plain beyond argument that the architect's instruction to postpone work was caused by the subcontractor's defective performance and repudiatory licence or default of the contractor even if it was assumed that he was in technical breach of the main contract.

The Vice-Chancellor and Lord Justice Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Hamlin, Squire Rayfield.

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RACING: ELSWORTH TO COLLECT ANOTHER TOP PRIZE

Front-running Floyd can lead Kempton rivals a merry dance

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

If form at the highest level means anything at all, the Top Rank Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park today ought to be won by Floyd.

At Cheltenham last March, only two lengths covered Gaye Brief, Nohaldun and Pridaux Boy when they finished, second, third and fourth, respectively, in the Champion Hurdle.

More recently, Pridaux Boy was hammered seven lengths on the same course by Floyd whose front-running style of racing should be ideally suited to the sharp Sunbury track where he has already won the Queen's Prize on the Flat.

Racing with zest and jumping as well as he invariably does, Floyd is a hard horse to catch as anyone who watched him win the Imperial Cup at Sandown and the County Hurdle at Cheltenham, in the space of six days two seasons ago, will testify.

After an enforced absence caused by injury, he has bounced back seemingly better than ever this season and I expect him to prove too good for Nohaldun who was

receiving weight from Floyd's stable companion Barnbrook Again at Ascot recently.

Gaye Brief stopped its racing towards the end of his life at the same Ascot meeting while Pridaux Boy has seven lengths to find. Around a course as tight as Kempton, Floyd should have too much pace for that other renowned front-runner Tom Sharp.

David Elsworth and his stable jockey, Colin Brown, can round the day off on a high note by also winning the Pinewood Handicap Hurdle with Bluelimit who caught my eye on his seasonal debut when finishing seventh behind Molejac at Ascot.

That same afternoon, Annettes Delight might well have finished second to Desert Orchid, instead of fourth, had he not made such a hash of jumping the second-last fence. So with Terry Casey's ex- Irish seven-year-old a good chance of winning the Fourth Protocol Handicap Chase now that he receives 19lb from Berlin.

Strabour (12 40) and The Kalak (1 10), so promising at Warwick and Sandown,

respectively, should also give their backers a good run in the Royal Gardeo Hotel Novices' Chase and the National Bingo Game Novices' Hurdle.

The Argonaut should only have to run as well as he did when finishing second to Desert Orchid at Sandown to give his owner, the Queen Mother, a victory in the Odeon Cinemas Handicap Chase.

At Wetherby, the presence of both Pearlyman and Badsworth Boy in the field for the Castleford Handicap Chase should help to shed some light on this season's two-mile championship. Badsworth Boy had won the crown, in the shape of the Queen Mother Champion Chase, three times in a row before Buck House finally ended his reign last March.

Sadly, Buck House is with us no more but Pearlyman looked a very live wire indeed when he ran away with his first race of the current season at Cheltenham.

Phil Tuck has a good chance of winning the first two races on the Yorkshire track with

Gordon Richards on Rule Of The Sea (12 45) and Jim Thorpe (1 15).

Rule Of The Sea, my selection for the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Novices' Chase, was a thoroughly convincing winner of his first chase at Ascot three days ago. Formerly a smart hurdler for Andy Scott, he now looks the type to excel in this new field.

Jim Thorpe's form figures this season may not look all that inspiring on the surface, yet underneath they conceal sound efforts in tough assignments at Newcastle and Sandown.

Now that he is running over three miles again, Bluff Cove is napped to win the St John Ambulance Handicap Hurdle.

He beat Kidlimo on merit over this distance first time out at Cheltenham before finding 2 1/2 miles at Ascot too short for him when runner-up to Molejac.

Finally, my principal fancy at Warwick is Proud Pilgrim to follow that meritorious win at Leicester 13 days ago with another in the Jacob Marley Novices' Chase.



Floyd, who chases his third consecutive victory in today's Top Rank Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park

Double for Fahey

Richard Fahey brought off a 7-1 double for Jimmy Fitzgerald when leading the two divisions of the St Ivo Novices' Hurdle at Huntingdon yesterday, on Sister Claire and Weight Problem. Sister Claire, backed down to 11-8 before landing her division by 15 lengths, was the Malton trainer's 50th success of the season. Fahey said that he had once before landed a double - at Ayr on the Flat two years ago -

Barrow Line has Fairyhouse target after game success

From our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Almost exactly 12 months to the day since he won his first race, Barrow Line emerged as the top star at yesterday's Boxing Day meeting at Fairyhouse when carrying top weight of 12 stone to a splendid victory in the Denny's Gold Medal Novice Chase, a £20,000 added grade two contest.

From early on, Barrow Line had to contend with the challenge of Weather The Storm and there was never more than a length between them from the second fence to the last jump.

They touched down together and for just a second Weather The Storm looked like profiting from his 5lb allowance, but Frank Berry galvanized Barrow Line and he quickened away to win by what appeared to be a conservative three lengths over Weather The Storm.

For a horse who broke down

three times before he saw a racecourse, Barrow Line is certainly making up for lost opportunities and his trainer, Pat Hughes, nominated him for the first running of the race named after Dawn Run at Fairyhouse on January 31.

He will be entered in both the Arkle Trophy and the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham and Pat Hughes will keep his options open, although at the moment he favours the longer Sun Alliance Chase.

After Full Foot had landed a gamble from 3-1 down to 5-1 in the Duff's Meats Three-Year-Old Juvenile Hurdle by three lengths from Mr Bones, his trainer, Mick O'Toole, was up before the stewards to explain the horse's considerable improvement on three upplaced hurdles starts. He pointed out that Full Foot was now wearing

blinkers for the first time and this had made all the difference.

Full Foot, who will run again at Leopardstown on Monday, got a 20-1 quote from William Hill for the Triumph Hurdle.

Earlier in the day, we saw a brilliant novice hurdler make his jumping debut in the shape of L'An Rouge, who beat 16 rivals on the bit. He is one to keep an eye for the future.

At Leopardstown this afternoon, Omerta, who captured the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham in March, has to carry top weight of 12 stone in the £20,000-added Fords Handicap Chase, but while he showed his well being with a snug pre-Christmas win at Navan, he may fail to give 13lb to the Jim Dreaper-trained Sound Judgment, who too well at Fairyhouse earlier this month.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

- 1.20 Sunabout, 2.10 Floyd, 1.10 The Kalak, 2.40 The Argonaut, 1.40 Annettes Delight, 3.10 Bluelimit.

By Michael Seely

- 1.40 Berlin, 2.10 Nohaldun.

Going: soft

12.40 ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL NOVICE CHASE (€3,106; 2m) (11 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

1.10 NATIONAL BINGO GAME NOVICE HURDLE (€4,062; 2m) (18 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

MIDNIGHT TRAIN (11-0) won well 15f from icrowd (11-0) with MY BELLSMAN (11-0) 3rd best on 15f at Lingfield (2m, €285, good, Dec 8, 20 ran), RABBIT DAWN (10-12) 2nd best 4f from My Son, My Son (10-12) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 6, 17 ran), FOURTH TURBO (10-11) 2nd best 7k to Musical Mystery (10-11) at Fontwell (2m, €285, good to soft, Dec 2, 14 ran), KARWAK (11-0) 3rd best 8 1/2 to Ruby Flight (10-12) at Worcester (2m, €180, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), NEW GOLD DREAM (10-7) 4th best 25f to Nether Point (10-7) at Haydock (2m, €340, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), THE KALAK (1-0) 8th best 11f to Goodfellow (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €340, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), THE NEW AWAKE (11-0) 2nd, well beaten behind, 4f to Federal Trooper (1-0) at Newbury (2m, €143, good to soft, Nov 12, 14 ran). Selection: MIDNIGHT TRAIN.

1.40 FOURTH PROTOCOL HANDICAP CHASE (€4,822; 2m 4f) (12 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

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WETHERBY

Selections

By Mandarin

- 1.25 Rule Of The Sea, 2.20 Nos Na Goitve, 1.15 Jim Thorpe, 2.30 BLUFF COVE (nap), 1.45 Pearlyman, 3.25 Big Tigger.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.25 BIG TOGGER (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 THE LODGE PRINCE.

Going: good to soft

12.45 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS NOVICE CHASE (€2,622; 2m 4f) (13 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

WHAT'S LORO (11-0) 2nd, caught after the last, beaten 5f by Yanco (10-7) at Haydock (2m, €230, soft, Dec 11, 7 ran), READY TORNEN (11-6) won 2f from Price of Peace (11-11) with SOLDIER (11-4) 5th best 10 1/2 to Heavy Tonic (11-8) and HOLLIN BARR (11-8) 8th best 13f at Catterick (2m, €140, good, Dec 17, 10 ran), RLY (10-12) 2nd, well beaten behind, 5f to Green Gorge (11-0) with ALLYEN GLAZED (11-2) 2nd best 52f at Ayr (2m, €151, soft, Dec 19, 6 ran), GREEN GORGE (11-0) 2nd best 25f to Oaken (11-7) at Catterick (2m, €154, good to firm, Dec 8, 8 ran), WHAT'S WHAT ON DEBUT over fences last time rider at the start. Selection: DUTCH LORD.

1.15 HOLSTEN PILS HANDICAP HURDLE (€7,726; 2m) (11 runners)

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FORM

JIM THORPE (10-0) 6th, lost touch after mistake last, beaten 8f to Annotch (11-7) at Sandown (2m, €210, soft, Dec 17, 7 ran), BATTLEFIELD BAND (10-4) 8th, caught at the final 15f, beaten 8f to Abu Kadra (10-3) with PETER MARTIN (11-5) 7th, at Doncaster (2m, €425, good, Dec 13, 15 ran), CAWARRIA LAD (10-1) 3rd, clear and won easily 23f from Bahadur Lad (10-3) at Fontwell (2m, €275, good to soft, Dec 2, 11 ran), MERRY JANE (10-12) 3rd, one pace, beaten 11f to Green Gorge (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €280, good, Dec 8, 13 ran), BALLYBARRY (10-1) won 10f from COOL STRIKE (10-4) with RECORD HARVEST (11-0) 3rd, clear and won easily 23f from Bahadur Lad (10-3) at Fontwell (2m, €275, good to soft, Dec 2, 11 ran), MERRY JANE (10-12) 3rd, one pace, beaten 11f to Green Gorge (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €280, good, Dec 8, 13 ran), BALLYBARRY (10-1) won 10f from COOL STRIKE (10-4) with RECORD HARVEST (11-0) 3rd, clear and won easily 23f from Bahadur Lad (10-3) at Fontwell (2m, €275, good to soft, Dec 2, 11 ran), MERRY JANE (10-12) 3rd, one pace, beaten 11f to Green Gorge (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €280, good, Dec 8, 13 ran). Selection: MOLEJAC.

Course specialists

Table with 4 columns: Trainers, Winners, Runners, Per cent, Jockeys, Winners, Rides, Per cent.

Guide to our in-line racecard

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FORM FAR BRIDGE (11-8) 7th best on 44f to Desert Orchid (11-5) with ANNETTES DELIGHT (10-12) 2nd best 4f from My Son, My Son (10-12) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 6, 17 ran), BRIVE ON JIMMY (11-0) 3rd best 8 1/2 to Ruby Flight (10-12) at Worcester (2m, €180, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), NEW GOLD DREAM (10-7) 4th best 25f to Nether Point (10-7) at Haydock (2m, €340, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), THE KALAK (1-0) 8th best 11f to Goodfellow (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €340, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), THE NEW AWAKE (11-0) 2nd, well beaten behind, 4f to Federal Trooper (1-0) at Newbury (2m, €143, good to soft, Nov 12, 14 ran). Selection: FAR BRIDGE.

2.10 TOP RANK CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Grade 1; €19,128; 2m) (7 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

NOHALDUN (11-4) won well 15f from icrowd (11-0) with MY BELLSMAN (11-0) 3rd best on 15f at Lingfield (2m, €285, good, Dec 8, 20 ran), RABBIT DAWN (10-12) 2nd best 4f from My Son, My Son (10-12) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 6, 17 ran), FOURTH TURBO (10-11) 2nd best 7k to Musical Mystery (10-11) at Fontwell (2m, €285, good to soft, Dec 2, 14 ran), KARWAK (11-0) 3rd best 8 1/2 to Ruby Flight (10-12) at Worcester (2m, €180, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), NEW GOLD DREAM (10-7) 4th best 25f to Nether Point (10-7) at Haydock (2m, €340, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), THE KALAK (1-0) 8th best 11f to Goodfellow (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €340, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran), THE NEW AWAKE (11-0) 2nd, well beaten behind, 4f to Federal Trooper (1-0) at Newbury (2m, €143, good to soft, Nov 12, 14 ran). Selection: NOHALDUN.

2.40 ODEON CINEMAS HANDICAP CHASE (€3,215; 3m) (8 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

GOLDEN FRIEND (D) M Waleby T Forster 5-11-4. 501 23-1100 GOLDEN FRIEND (D) M Waleby T Forster 5-11-4. 502 123211 ACES WILD (M Valente) F Winter 8-11-1. 503 00-3F-40 OUR FUN (P Hopkins) J Gifford 9-10-12. 504 UP2222 SIGN AGAIN (R Wright) J Fox 8-10-12. 505 4P-1-2 GAMBER (D) Lee Wesley T Nicholson 8-10-6. 506 01-11-11 JUST FOR THE CRACK (D) G Wills K Bailey 8-10-4. 507 10-10-22 THE ARGONAUT (Queen Mother) F Wainwright 8-10-2. 508 1F2-22 GOLD BEARER (Bert Joseph) F Winter 8-10-2. 1985: CHARTER PARTY 7-10-11 P Scudamore 5th best 25f to Oregon Trail (10-1) at Cheltenham (2m, €123, soft, Dec 6, 8 ran), OUR FUN (10-3) 2nd best 15f to Desert Orchid (11-5) at Ascot (2m, €280, good, Dec 13, 9 ran), SIGN AGAIN (10-3) 2nd best 15f to Desert Orchid (11-5) at Ascot (2m, €280, good, Dec 13, 9 ran), PRIDEAU BOY (11-2) 2nd best 17f to FLOYD (11-0) with BUCK HOUSE (10-1) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 6, 17 ran), TOM SHARP (11-0) made all to win by hd from Ballybarrow (11-0) at Newcastle (2m, €284, good, Nov 15, 10 ran). Selection: NOHALDUN.

3.10 PINWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE (€3,610; 2m 4f) (14 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

TUGBOAT (D) Mrs G Goswell P Wheeler 7-12-2. 601 1040-22 TUGBOAT (D) Mrs G Goswell P Wheeler 7-12-2. 602 4-000-1000 JUVEN LIGHT (D) R Dwyer R Alcock 5-11-5. 603 0112-00 BLUEBELT (D) M Waleby T Forster 5-11-4. 604 1-00-1000 PACE PATCHERS (P Mearns) F Winter 8-10-9. 605 0000-0000 GAMBER (D) Lee Wesley T Nicholson 8-10-6. 606 411222 PALA CHIEF (P) J Upson T Casey 4-10-9. 607 002210 GREAT LIGHT (B Alderson) J Jenkins 8-10-7. 608 42100-0 KITTO (D) Mrs H Alving J Gifford 7-10-3. 609 0000-0000 WATER GARDEN (F Lee) F Leas 5-11-5. 610 0000-0000 SANBROOK (D) Mrs M Brown G Baskin 9-10-1. 611 0200-0000 KILWAT MUTAR (D) Mrs G Guest 4-10-9. 612 02-0240 HIGH HEAVEN (S Almy) A O'Neil 8-10-4. 613 PP-0000 SPURRY (D) Mrs J Ryaby M Wainwright 8-10-0. 1985: TUGBOAT 6-11-7 R Dunwoody (5-1) J Bay P Mitchell 13 ran.

TRAINERS

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JOCKEYS

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1.45 CASTLEFORD CHASE LIMITED HANDICAP (Grade 1; €9,580; 2m 50yds) (8 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

PEARLYMAN (11-13) won well 7f from French Union (10-10) at Cheltenham (2m, €4,555, good, Dec 5, 7 ran), BADSWORTH BOY (11-1) 2nd, well beaten behind, 5f to Desert Orchid (11-5) at Ascot (2m, €280, good, Dec 13, 9 ran), LITTLE BAY (11-1) 3rd best 14 1/2 to Desert Orchid (11-5) with CHERRYBLOSSOM (11-0) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 15, 16 ran), ANGLER (11-0) 3rd best 14 1/2 to Desert Orchid (11-5) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 15, 16 ran), ANGLER (11-0) 3rd best 14 1/2 to Desert Orchid (11-5) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 15, 16 ran), ANGLER (11-0) 3rd best 14 1/2 to Desert Orchid (11-5) at Sandown (2m, €285, good, Nov 15, 16 ran). Selection: AMBER RAMBLER.

2.20 BRADFORD NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O; €2,094; 2m) (17 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

TERN (D) G Leathem M H Easterby 5-11-7. 250 12-124 TERN (D) G Leathem M H Easterby 5-11-7. 251 4-123-00 THE BLACK SACK (D) North East P H Ealey 5-11-6. 252 4-00P-11 SECRET PRINCE (Froggins) Decorations Ltd J Johnson 7-11-1 (Sec). 253 4-0211-2 BLUFF COVE (D) J Rogers D L Holt 4-11-0 (Sec). 254 410201 TONLEIGH (D) M Waleby T Forster 5-11-4. 255 13P-0-11 BRIGANDINA (A Fleming) Mrs G Revely 5-10-10. 256 100P-00 OCEANUS (R Mitchell) Dwyer Smith 5-10-5. 257 1P-0P-00 CRAMDOWN BRIG (D) Wainwright M H Easterby 8-10-5. 258 000-000 WATER GARDEN (F Lee) F Leas 5-11-5. 259 0004-02 WIL-TOT (D) J Norton J Norton 5-10-3. 260 100P-10 LIGHT TRAVELLER (Mrs Curtis) G Calver 6-10-0. 261 30-0220 SHAGALY (Mrs J Pease) C Bell 4-10-0. 1985: MICK'S STAR 5-11-0 P Tuck (11-4) fav M W Easterby 13 ran.

3.25 BRAMHAM NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (€685; 2m 4f) (13 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

WILBURGH (M Watson) G O'Neil 7-10-0. 250 1-000-000 WILBURGH (M Watson) G O'Neil 7-10-0. 251 222-021 BIG TOGGER (Herson) J Herson 6-11-11 (7ran). 252 5-220-21 CHRISTMAS HOLLY (R Wood) Mrs G Revely 5-11-10. 253 4-02-1-01 SAMFER (D) P Ballard M H Easterby 4-10-13 (7ran). 254 11-000-00 SWOP SHOP (J Lamb) M Wainwright 7-10-0. 255 340001 SUNRA (G Turner) L Leas 5-11-7 (7ran). 256 300-43 THE LODGE PRINCE (Qualifier) Hotels Ltd K Stone 4-10-0. 257 0003-00 EYE FLASHER (R H Mackdew) R Carter 4-10-0. 258 4-000-00 NAUTICAL JOCKEY (A Stephenson) W Stephenson 7-10-0. 259 0000-00 MARGAL BONDART (A Carruthers) W Byrton 6-10-0. 260 040P-00 TOM FOUSSE (G Turner) D Leas 7-10-0. 261 000Y SHOW NO MERCY (R Spawcely) J Blundell 7-10-0. 1985: No Corresponding Race.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

- 12.45 Autumn Sport, 1.15 Proud Pilgrim, 1.45 Misty Fort, 2.15 The A Train, 2.45 Backlog, 3.15 BOLD ILLUSION.

Going: good to soft

12.45 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICE HURDLE (€375; 2m) (9 runners)

Table with 3 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds.

FORM

AUTUMN SPORT J Edwards 5-11-0. 5 12-124 AUTUMN SPORT J Edwards 5-11-0. 6 CHANCELOUSVILLE P W Hares 4-11-0. 7 CROCKIT CROCK O Shearwood 8-11-0. 8 CROWN GREEN F Wainwright 7-11-0. 9 EVELASH BUTTERMERE Mrs G Craft 4-11-0. 10 GUY LAST (D) Mrs H Alving J Gifford 7-11-0. 11 GUY LAST (D) Mrs H Alving J Gifford 7-11-0. 12 2400 MONCLARE TROPHY P Bevan 7-11-0. 2403 POLYDOR M Jones 5-11-0. 25-2 True Sounding, 3-1 Goodall Crow, 7-2 Great Aunt Sally, 9-2 Pylon, 8-1 Suga, 10-1 Monclare Trophy, 10-1 others.

1.15 JACOB MARLEY NOVICE CHASE (€2,044; 2m) (7 runners)

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FORM

ARWARR R Hodges 7-11-11. 2321 PROUD PILGRIM W Webster 7-11-11. 7 0P-00 DONPERY H Taylor 6-11-4. 11 000-0000 GREY GENERAL M O'Neil 7-11-4. 12 000-0000 INDIAN RANGE Mrs M Farnell 8-11-4. 13 000-0000 MISTER KID W Jones 5-11-4. 14 000-0000 TRUST THE OYSTERS J Hodges 4-11-0. 15 4P-0 WETHER WALLOW J Webster 8-11-4. 16 RELATIVITY A Taylor 8-11-4. 22-0 SHONY DONALD R Blakely 7-11-4. 23-0 SUPERLEA P W Hares 7-11-4. 24 000-0000 GREY GENERAL M O'Neil 7-11-4. 25 0P-0 AMBERGOLD BULL J Cullen 6-10-13. 26 0P-0 GABLES FLIGHT C Wainwright 6-10-13. 27 0P-0 WETHER WALLOW J Webster 8-11-4. 28 0P-0 WOOD POPPY R Shepherd 8-11-4. 11-4 Proud Pilgrim, 10-0 Arwarr, 4-1 My Son My Son, 5-1 Indian Range, 7-1 Shony Donald, 10-1 others.

1.45 BLACKMORE HANDICAP CHASE (amateur riders; €2,127; 2m 4f) (6)

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FORM

ROYAL REGEL Mrs M Farnell 8-10-3. 11 00P-0000 ROYAL REGEL Mrs M Farnell 8-10-3. 14 P-00 MAREE STREET (D) J Henson 10-10-0. 15 04-00 (D) K Wingo 10-10-0. 2-0 Royal Mers, 11-1 Misty Fort, 3-1 Master Malcoy, 6

FOOTBALL: GRAHAM'S MEN STRETCH THEIR UNBEATEN RUN TO 16 GAMES BUT FOUR-GOAL EVERTON ARE NOW PRESSING HARD ON THEIR HEELS

Functional Arsenal collect injuries as well as ridicule

By Dennis Shaw

Leicester City 1
Arsenal 1

Arsenal remain on course to begin the New Year on an elevated perch at the top of the first division, though the point they gained at Filbert Street yesterday seemed dictated more by destiny than by design.

"We can play better," George Graham, the manager, said with massive understatement after his side had failed to overwhelm opposition reduced to 10 men for 45 minutes.

Leicester had laid the foundation for what might have been an enjoyable festive occasion with an eighth-minute goal cleverly constructed by Osman and Wilson and efficiently taken by Moran.

However, things went progressively wrong during the course of a disappointing match which deteriorated from promising to untidy and ultimately to downright belittling.

For much of the first half, Arsenal were in dire danger of being silenced for the first time in weeks, but a fortuitous penalty emerged from an anomalous situation on the stroke of half-time, and Hayes was able to stretch their unbeaten sequence to 16 matches.

Functional rather than fair-

ridden was the Arsenal scheme of things as stoppages, niggly, personal feuds, an outbreak of off-sides, and the repeated appearance of trainers substituted for entertainment.

The outcome was a grudging sense of satisfaction for both managers left as they were with bruises, strains, and twists among their players to sort out just when the holiday rush is on.

Leicester, had to dispense with the slowed-down Wilson and, having used their substitute, Feeley, were then forced to use Osman as a limping left-wing makeshift for the entire second half.

Arsenal were also reduced in effectiveness by injuries to Quinn, Anderson, and Groves, the latter playing for part of the match with his thigh strapped before departing in the second half.

In between it all, there was some football but not much. The best bit was Leicester's goal. Osman chipped forward delightfully. Wilson placed his right-wing centre to tempting perfection, and Moran clipped the inside of the post with his header.

The injury time which accrued cost Leicester dearly because they should have been sitting in the dressing room at half-time when Sansom's cross made contact with Feeley's hand.

Close encounters had always been of the obstructive

kind, though the referee seemed strangely oblivious to the aggravation building up. This came to a head when Morgan was left stretched out by an off-the-ball challenge and retribution ruled for awhile.

Anderson had been booked for dissent, and Quinn for a reckless tackle, but the punishment meted out did not match the ill-will of the action.

Leicester never threatened in the second half as their only hope, the coveted Smith, was repeatedly either caught off-side or double-marked out of it.

It was left to the alert Andrew to prevent Arsenal gaining a victory they would not have deserved when he saved impressively from first Sansom and then Rocastle. "Boring, boring Arsenal," chanted the Leicester regulars, who later booed them off the field in unseasonal fashion.

LEICESTER CITY: I. Anderson; S. Morgan; M. Moran; R. Williams; G. McAlister; A. Maudsley; S. Moran; A. Smith; I. Wilson (Sub: A. Feeley); P. Kelly. ARSENAL: J. Lewis; J. Anderson; K. Sansom; S. Williams; N. O'Leary; A. Adams; D. Rocastle; P. Davis; N. Quinn; P. Groves. Referee: I. Marley.

Temporary safety

Blackpool, who were forced to play Richard Powell, aged 17, an apprentice goalkeeper, in yesterday's 2-1 home win over York City, have signed Blackburn's Vince O'Keefe on a month's loan. He will stand in at Chester today for regular goalkeeper, Barry Siddall, who has tonsillitis.

Leeds United 1 Sunderland 1

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Climbing via Bannister: the Queen's Park Rangers forward scoring his side's second goal in their 2-1 win over Coventry

Nervous Leeds struggle

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Everton unleash a challenge too powerful for Newcastle

By John Wardle

Newcastle United 0
Everton 4

Everton capitalized in classic style on the pre-match news about Arsenal and Liverpool. The Merseysiders - and Trevor Steven in particular - made the most of the slip-ups by their title rivals to move within four points of the leaders.

And you will not find many who marvelled at their brilliance yesterday who would bet against Everton's chances of coming out on top in May.

They can rarely have played better in manager Howard Kendall's time at the club, giving an awesome display of running, precise passing and decisive finishing.

It was a performance which totally overwhelmed weakened Newcastle and renewed worries about the home team's ability to lift themselves from the relegation picture. Everton established their total mastery from the start with football which was simply on a different plane to

anything Newcastle could have offered.

They were sharper, stronger and more aware - all qualities displayed in their opening goal after 22 minutes.

Heath, Harper and Power broke the length of the field before Power handled in the ball at the far post for his third goal in five games. At 33, Power's £50,000 arrival from Manchester City is proving one of Kendall's most astute buys.

The only surprise about the goal was that it took so long arriving - and that Steven was not involved.

The England international, a Newcastle supporter as a Berwick schoolboy, had featured in virtually every other Everton attack of note.

But the Feast of Steven really began 10 minutes into the second half as Everton killed off a promising spell by Newcastle, who had been denied a goal in the dying seconds of the first half by Southall's fine save from Goddard.

Then, with 55 minutes gone, Everton effectively settled matters. Steven needed one touch to control Power's low cross and

another to send it firmly past Thomas.

Steven also hit the post two minutes later and completed a memorable personal spell with the third goal on the hour.

Power again created it from the left and Steven's mis-kick from eight yards deceived Thomas, leaving even the Everton player looking a shade embarrassed.

But he was not half as red-faced as Newcastle's harassed defenders seven minutes from time as they allowed little Heath to head in a right-wing cross from, inevitably, Steven. Steven was denied his third goal when Thomas saved with his legs two minutes from time but seemed strangely unconcerned.

Steven could content himself with the knowledge that Everton are surely about to unleash a challenge which could prove too strong for the other title hopefuls.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: M. Thomas; N. McDonald; K. Wharton; J. Whightson; P. Jackson; G. Roeder; Stephenson; A. Thompson; G. Cochrane; P. Beardsley; Jackson. EVERTON: N. Southall; G. Stevens; M. Pearson; K. Richardson; D. Watson; P. Power; S. Steven; A. Heath; G. Sharp; A. Harper; K. Sheedy. Referee: K. Lupton (Stockton).

Forest miss Birtles as Norwich hit back

By Gerry Harrison

Norwich City 2
Nottingham Forest 1

It took a goal from Nottingham Forest's first direct shot on target to galvanize Norwich into winning form at Carrow Road yesterday. When Pearce scored in the 64th minute it looked as if Forest, the first division's leading scorers, had survived the storms and battering of a hectic afternoon and that safety was in sight.

Ironically, Norwich, kept at bay during their best spell in the first hour, fought back to scramble in two far from spectacular but thoroughly satisfactory goals which gave them their first home victory over Forest in five attempts.

It was not only the absence of their leading scorer, Birtles, with a back injury, which seemed to have thrown Forest out of their stride. Their form has spluttered of late and the reintroduction into midfield of Bowyer's ball-winning powers did nothing in the first half to wrest control from Crook, Biggins and Pheasant.

Brian Clough, the Forest manager, was involved in much finger-waving and re-orientating (as well as a head to head confrontation with some local spectators) as Norwich poured forward. Certainly Walker, Fairclough and Pearce defended well but it needed disconcerting work by their goalkeeper, Steve, to keep them out. His saves from Drinkell, Iwice, and Rosario were agile but his best was from Crook's first time volley which he tipped dramatically over the bar.

Although Norwich found it more difficult in the second half a surprise when Forest scored in the 64th minute. Metgod rolled a free kick to Pearce who, from 25 yards, seemed to have extravagant space to aim at. The Scot had saved well from the very best, but unexpectedly, Norwich drew level when Crook's free kick was deflected off a defender's shoulder; Segers slipped and could not prevent the ball from ricocheting off his chest into the net.

Four minutes later, Bruce, who had been dominant at the back for Norwich, pumped a long ball forward which seemed to be well covered by Fairclough. But Rosario, hungry to bang on to his first team place, chased a lost cause, gained possession and embarrassed Forest and their supporters by poking a quick shot past the stranded Segers.

NORWICH CITY: G. Gunn; I. Cunniff; A. Spangis; S. Davis; P. Fisher; S. Birtles; C. Crook; K. Drinkell; W. Biggins; A. Rosario; D. Gordon. NOTTINGHAM FOREST: G. Pheasant; G. Fairclough; B. Bowyer; J. Meggill; N. Clough; C. Campbell; N. Webb. Referee: J. Ashworth.

Maradona is willing to play in league

Buenos Aires (Reuter) - Diego Maradona, probably the world's most gifted footballer, yesterday praised the English game and said he would be willing to play in the English League.

"I like the football of that country (England). I'd like to play there. But I'd like to finish my career playing in Argentina," Maradona told reporters.

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Rangers pair facing a prolonged suspension

Glasgow Rangers must appear before a European Football Union disciplinary tribunal in Zurich on February 5 and 6 as a result of having two players sent off during their UEFA Cup second round match with Borussia Mönchengladbach in West Germany this month. There were six bookings in the match, three on either side.

The eight-man committee will decide their suspension on the evidence of the referee, Alex Poulsen of Belgium, and the Danish official observer, Eric Hydystrop, who has publicly criticised both teams.

Rangers have already qualified for Europe next season as winners of the Scot Cup and, even if they survive in European action, the two players - Stuart Pearce, the defender, and the Scotland forward Cooper - could receive a heavier sentence than the normal one-match ban.

Stirling Albion, the Scottish second division club, have appointed George Peebles as their new manager. Peebles has been assistant at the reins for 10 years and succeeds Alex Sialiti, who was recently appointed as manager of St Mirren.

Huddersfield in no hurry for a manager

Huddersfield Town are not in a hurry to appoint a successor to manager Mick Buxton, who was dismissed earlier in the week.

Club chairman, Keith Longbottom, said they would be considering all applications received after the post is advertised today, and would not make an appointment until at least after January 10. Steve Smith, the club's chief scout, is in charge of team selection until then.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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ON THEIR HEELS Forest miss Birtles as Norwich hit back

Not one, not two, but three David Lean movies on BBC2...

CHOICE movie on TV tonight is, of course, Kubrick's Dr Strangelove...



A night at the circus: Ruth Madoc and David Griffin in the comedy series HI-de-HI (BBC1, 7.50pm)



James Fox as the religious idealist and Betsy Brandley as the widow in New World (BBC1, 10.40pm)

CHOICE Taking the Mayflower's sea crossing as read, New World (BBC1, 10.00pm) embarks...

they set foot on the coast of the Indians' America. One can quarrel with the odd bit of shallow characterization...

- BBC 1 8.30 Family News... 9.00 Saturday SuperStars... 10.05 Film: Tom Thumbs (1958)...

- BBC 2 9.00 Caelex... 12.00 Film: Great Expectations (1946)...

- ITV/LONDON 6.55 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys... 7.20 The Wide Awake Club...

- CHANNEL 4 9.25 Film: The Son of the Sheik (1926)...

- BBC 1 8.55 Play School... 10.00 Aslan Magazine...

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- ITV/LONDON 6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment... 7.50 Are You Awake Yet?...

- CHANNEL 4 9.30 Film: Three 420? (1955)...

- Radio MF (medium wave), Stereo on VHF (see below)...

- 4.55am On medium wave only. Fourth Test from Melbourne...

- 11.15 From the Festival: Franz Schubert at the Lakeside Summer Music Festival...

- 5.50 Houseman on the radio. The Federal Trust's John Houseman in conversation with Christopher Cook...

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- 1.00 The World This Week: News 1.55 Shipping...

- day line of the Great American Cowboy (s) Murder for Christmas...

